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Robert Blake trial: The prosecution in Robert Blake's murder trial in Los Angeles re-enacted the shooting of the actor's wife to show jurors where the bullets came from and in what posi-

tion she was seated when they were fired.
Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels took on the role of Blake's slain wife Friday, sitting in a chair while Rod Englert, a crime reconstructionist, demonstrated how Bonnie Lee Bakley was struck by two bullets.

On cross-examination, defense attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach challenged the accuracy of Englert's calculations, pressing him on whether he took into consideration that Bakley's body in the car may have been moved by someone who tried to help her.

Gay marriage in N.Y.: A judge struck down a New York law banning same-sex marriage, saying it violates the state and U.S. constitutions to deny a gay couple a marriage license solely because the two are of the same sex.

Friday's ruling, the first of its kind in New York, would clear the way for gay couples to wed if it survives on appeal.

DNC chairman race: Activists Simon Rosenberg and Donnie Fowler abandoned their bids for Democratic National Committee chairman on Friday and backed front-runner Howard Dean, moving the former presidential candidate closer to capturing the party title.

Rosenberg's departure from the race leaves a field of two — Dean and former Indiana Rep. Tim Roemer. About 430 voting members of the party's national committee will choose a successor to outgoing DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe on Feb. 12.

Human smuggling trial: A judge in the Houston trial of a New York man accused of driving and abandoning a hot, airless tractor-trailer in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt agreed Friday to allow two juries in the case.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore, in granting the request by defense attorneys for Tyrone Williams, ruled that his trial would begin Monday, but prosecutors planned to appeal her decision, possibly prompting another delay in the case.

Under Gilmore's ruling, one jury would decide whether Williams is guilty or innocent of any of the S8 counts of harboring and transporting illegal inmigrants he faces. If Williams were found guilty of any charges that carry a possible death sentence, another jury would be chosen for that decision.

Semester-at-Sea incident: A ship filled with hundreds of college students that was damaged last week by stormy seas will remain in Honolulu Harbor for repairs and inspections until at least Sunday, Jim Lawrence, a spokesman for the ship's technical managers, said Friday.

An assessment by marine technicians showed the Explorer did not suffer structural damage and remains completely seaworthy, said Semester at Sea, the academic program that leases the ship, on its Web site. But the ship's electrical systems still need



Pope health watch: Chief of Vatican security Vatican Camillo Cibin, right, looks on as another security officer talks on his phone Friday on a balcony of the 10th floor of Rome's Polyclinic Agostino Gennelli hospital where Pope John Paul II is hospitalized. Giant video screens were ordered to be set up in St. Peter's Square in a hopeful sign that the 84-year-old pontiff would be well enough on Sundav to say a few words to a public.

repairs and some replacement parts have yet to arrive, Lawrence said.

A 50-foot wave on Jan. 26 injured two crew members, broke windows and damaged the vessel's controls.

Ex-governor may run again: Former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington, who resigned in 1997 after a bank fraud conviction that was later overturned — and won a pardon in 2001 from President Clinton — said he's considering another run for sovernor.

The onetime real estate developer and Republican who reinvented himself as a pastry chef when he left office said he began thinking about a challenge after Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano's State of the State address.

Washington governor's election: A judge allowed a court challenge to Democratic Gov. Christine Gregoire's excruciatingly close election to go forward Friday, but said even if Republicans win, he cannot order a new yote

"The court doesn't have that authority," said Chelan County Superior Court Judge John E. Bridges, addressing a packed court-

Republican gubernatorial candidate Dino Rossi and the state GOP challenged Gregoire's election, saying the contest was tainted by errors and illegal votes.

Rossi had won the original count by 261 votes and came out ahead by 42 votes in a machine recount. But to his dismay, the third and final count put Gregoire ahead by a mere 129 votes.

World

North Korea nuke talks: The presidents of the United States and South Korea agreed during a phone call Saturday to push for an

early resumption of six-nation talks to end North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

The communist North remained defiant, describing President Bush's call for the spread of freedom in his Jan. 20 inaugural speech as a U.S. scheme to rule the world.

Gitmo detainee release: The U.S. military has ordered three detainees at the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo Bay to be freed and 25 others to remain as secret hearings were held into the cases of more terror susreceiv

Hearings were held Friday for two detainees before the Administrative Review Boards, which can free prisoners if they determine they no longer pose a threat or hold significant intelligence value.

Madrid bombings investigation: A judge sent two Moroccan brothers to jail Saturday on provisional charges of collaborating with a terrorist group in connection with the deadly Madrid train bombings last year, but ordered their parents freed.

The brothers, Brahim and Mohamed Mousatten, are known to have had regular contacts with their maternal uncle Yousef Belhadi, 28, who authorities believe is an al-Qaida figure mentioned in a video claiming responsibility for the attacks.

Tsunami visit: President Bush on Friday announced he is sending a second delegation to visit the Indian Ocean region ravaged by tsunamis that includes his father and Bill Clinton

Former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Clinton will visit tsunami-affected countries Feb. 19-21.

The two men are to stop in the hardest-hit nations, including Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

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New budget will shed light on military plan

Big money last year went to long-term projects across Europe

Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany - When Presi dent Bush unveils his 2006 budget on Mon day, the money he requests for military construction will give clues as to where the U.S. military will be stationed in the future.

For example, the big-money projects that were approved for 2005 were for bases that are going to be around for years to come, according to planners at the U.S. European Command.

Two-thirds of the \$396.3 million being spent this year for EUCOM-sued projects is being spent at RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall in England, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and at the Army's Grafenwöhr training area, also in Ger-

The money is being spent at places that have "enduring value" for the U.S. military, according to Army Lt. Col. Michael Moon, chief of the infrastructure branch, engineering division, at EU-COM's logistics directorate.

"These are what we call the anchors to 'transformation,' " said Moon, referring to the changes taking place within the four major service branches — Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines — as well as the overall U.S. military.

"It made sense when we built them, and they make sense into the future.

Other U.S. military locations that are getting funds for 2005 construction include the naval bases at Rota, Spain, and Sigonella, Italy, which provide strategically important access to Africa and the Mediterra-

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nean Sea: the air bases at Laies, the nean Sea; the air bases at Lajes, the Azores, Portugal, and Aviano, Italy, a De-partment of Defense Dependents School at Vilseck, Germany, which serves the Grafenwöhr community, the Army Materiel Command in Livorno, Italy, and the U.S.

The Base Realignment and Closure commission is scheduled to meet to map a master plan for stateside bases that could determine where the 1st AD and 1st ID are moved.

> Space Command in Thule, Greenland Moon warned that other bases would receive money for basic upkeep, especially for housing, but might not be part of EU-

COM's long-range plans Planning on the transformation of U.S. military forces to better cope with future missions has been going on for several

Under military transformation, some large Army groups are expected to move to the United States from their Cold War-era garrisons in Germany and South Korea. In Germany, the Wiesbaden-based 1st Ar-mored Division and Würzburg-based 1st Infantry Division would be moved to the The Base Realignment and Closure commission, a Congressionally appointed group, is scheduled to meet from May to ptember to map a master plan for stateside bases that could determine where the

1st AD and 1st ID are moved. Also as part of transformation, the military intends to strengthen key existing bases while also establishing forward-reaching bases in Africa and Eastern

'We want to be allied with democracies," said Moon, the EUCOM engineer.

In Germany, for example, the Grafenwöhr training site "will be the center of [Army] activity in Europe for the foreseeable future," he In Spain Naval Station Rota has

a port and an airstrip as well as ammunition and petroleum storage all within its sprawling fence-line. The Morón Air Base, also in southwestern Spain, is halfway between the United States' East Coast and U.S.

hases in the Middle East and is a perfect stopover for planes flying back and forth. 'Rota and Morón [Air Base] are both criti-

cal to the European in-route infrastructure," Moon said. "Both of those bases are staying and both will have continued investment The United States also is expected this

year to finalize agreements with Bulgaria and Romania that would enable the U.S. military to train in those two Eastern European countries.

Most of the military-spending money that Bush asks for on Monday for the 2006 is expected to be approved by Congress, according to Tom Roberts, EUCOM's legislaCommand is spending some of the \$396.3 million from its 2005 Military Construction Budget: ■ Rota, Spain: Air Mobility Com-

mand, \$4.3 million; U.S. Naval Forces Europe, \$21.7 million ■ Lajes, Portugal: Defense Logistics

Agency, \$19.1 million; U.S. Air Forces in Europe, \$5.7 million

■ Livorno, Italy: Army Materiel Command, \$26 million

■ Sigonella, Italy: NAVEUR, \$22.5

■ Aviano, Italy: U.S. Air Forces in Europe, \$9.2 million ■ Vilseck, Germany: Department of

Defense Dependents Schools-Europe, \$9 million ■ Grafenwöhr, Germany: DODDS-

Europe, \$36.2 million; Tricare, \$13 million; U.S. Army Europe, \$77.2 million

Ramstein, Germany: USAFE, \$83.1

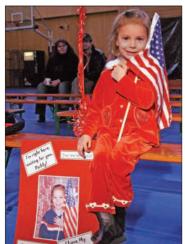
■ Thule, Greenland: U.S. Space Command, \$19.8 million ■ RAF Lakenheath-RAF Mildenhall.

England: USAFE, \$49.5 million Source: U.S. European Command

tive affairs specialist.

For the 2005 budget, the president asked for \$427.4 million for EUCOM-supervised projects, but only \$396.3 million ultimately was approved.

"The House of Representatives is expect-ed to approve, but the Senate tends to knock a little bit out [of the president's wish list]," Roberts said. "Then they reach compromise somewhere between the Senate's and the president's budgets. E-mail Charlie Coon at:



Ready with her flag and sign, 4-year-old Aiyana Morris waits for her dad, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Morris, on Saturday at the fitness center on Conn Barracks in Schweinfurt, Germany. Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade were returning after a year in Iraq and are among the first Schweinfurt troops to return.

1st ID bases welcome returnees BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

The trickle of returning Big Red One troops is

turning into a flood. Three U.S. Air Force C-17s ferried home about

300 more troops from Iraq on Friday, said Spc. Rebecca Sharpton, a 1st Infantry Division spokeswoman

The flights prompted happy homecomings at several 1st ID bases in northern Bayaria decorated with posters and yellow ribbons.

The largest reunions took place in Bamberg, where 100 soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery Regiment and 701st Main Support Battalion arrived in the afternoon; and Kitzingen, which welcomed home nearly 200 troops from the 701st MSB, the Division Support Command, and the 12th Chemical Company

Nearly 12,000 Big Red One soldiers deployed to

Iraq last February, making up the largest single slice of the Tikrit-based Task Force Danger, which patrolled a large and dangerous area north of Bagh-

The task force commander, Mai, Gen. John Batiste, had hoped to send some troops home as early as December when their replacements from the 42nd Infantry Division, 3rd Infantry Division and many National Guard and Reserve units began arriving in the Middle East.

But after an upswing in violence that began in late October, the Pentagon decided to keep all but a few support troops in place for their full tours of 12-13 onths through the critical national elections Jan.

With those elections now completed, troops are returning home steadily. Division planners expect at least eight more planeloads of troops in the coming days, and returns will be almost continuous through

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Staff Sgt. Vicente Olmeda-Cruz smiles with arms full as his wife, Karem, and 10vear-old daughter hug him shortly after his return to Schweinfurt. Family and friends got their first view of the troops when they emerged from a cloud of smoke. After a short prayer and welthe troops were

Return to combat proves dangerous

1-4 Cav NCO suffers his second near-fatal iniury while in Iraq

BY STEVE LIEWER

SCHWEINFURT, Germany - You can't break "the Rock

That's what the men of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment say about their se-nior enlisted leader, 1st Sgt. Brent Jurgers-

The 42-year-old from Clinton, Iowa, nick-named "the Rock," is in critical condition at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washing ton D.C., mending fi near-fatal injury in Iraq. from his second

"If there's anyone who's going to recover, it's him," said Staff Sgt. Frank San Nico-las, 34, of Inarajan, Guam, a 1-4 Cavalry trooper who himself returned from Iraq

last month with an in-jury. "There's just no stopping in that man. Jurgersen suffered an open head wound. broken arm and badly injured legs Jan. 26 when insurgents in Ad Duluiyah fired two rocket-propelled grenades at his Humvee. The explosion killed his gunner, Sgt. William Kinzer,





Seven months earlier, Jurgersen had been shot in the face during an ambush on a 1-4 Cavalry supply convoy. He endured multiple surgeries on his upper jaw and the soft tissue of his mouth but kept a promise to his troops

"I spoke to him more than once that he was so lucky, he shouldn't go back," said Staff Sgt. Donald Merritt, 39, of Fort Pierce, Fla., also wounded in Iraq. "He said there was one thing he was going to accomplish, and that was bring the boys

Jurgersen has served 14 years in the Army. After a Pentagon tour as branch manager for all the Army's 19D cavalry scouts he joined 1-4 Cavalry in 2002 and deployed with the unit to Iraq last February.

The soldiers who served with him said he is a quiet man with an unmatched work

"He's like a machine," said Sgt. Michael Petty, 26, of Mesa, Ariz., a 1-4 Cavalry trooper who was Jurgersen's driver and assistant for a year. "He runs nonstop. He's at work until 10 o'clock at night, and comes back at 4 o'clock. His sergeants say Jurgersen runs his

unit by the book and strikes fear into any trooper who breaks the rules. He instituted "night court." in which soldiers who com-



The personal determination and the dedication to his soldiers makes 1st Sgt. Brent Jurgersen, the rock of the 1st Squadron. 4th Cavalry Regiment.

mitted minor infractions had to come before his desk with their platoon sergeants and face his wrath

"The fear of 'night court' kept a lot of sol-diers straight," Merritt said.

But, they said, he's quick to give second chances and will take on anyone to make sure his soldiers are cared for. At camps MacKenzie and Wilson, the 1-4 Cavalı two main bases in Iraq, he pushed hard for quality-of-life improvements, such as a movie theater and phone center.

Before leaving Germany last year, Jurg-ersen pledged to soldiers and their families that he would personally bring his men home from Iraq. He joined them on dozens of natrols before June 18, when a 1-4 Cavalogistics convoy came under fire

Instead of racing away, Jurgersen's men got out and fought back. As he lay prone in the firing position, the enemy bullet struck the butt of his rifle and hit him just below the nose. He was sent to Germany for painful surgeries that left his face scarred and forced him to wear dentures.

He returned to Iraq in October, and looked forward to bringing his squadron home in late February or early March.
"I was happy to have him back, because

he was someone I knew would watch my back," said Sgt. Jef-frey Hummert, 27, a



1-4 Cavalry soldier from Pittsburgh. Just after sunrise

Jan. 26, Jurgersen led a five-vehicle convov to assess the security needs at several poll-ing sites for the upcoming elections. Hummert, who was sitting behind Jurgersen in the trail Hum-

San Nicolas vee, said the patrol had just finished its second ston and was

driving through a narrow street. "The first indication of trouble was a

loud bang, and then a blinding white light," Hummert said. He later learned two men had fired two



zie, Iraq, at a memorial wall for 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment soldiers killed in action. Jurgersen was shot in the face and seriously wounded in an ambush in June 2004, but returned to duty four month later. Then Jan. 26, just a month before his unit returned Germany, he lost a leg and suffered serious head wounds in a grenade attack.

RPGs at the passenger side of the vehicle from point-blank range. One exploded inside the Humvee, leaving behind a scene too awful for Hummert to describe

The driver, a medic, quickly bandaged Jurgersen's gaping head wounds and man-gled left leg while Hummert, who suffered shrapnel wounds to the arm and leg, called for help to tow the disabled vehicle out of Within minutes, Hummert said, a heli-

copter landed nearby and whisked him and Jurgersen to a hospital. By the end of the day, they'd flown to Germany for treat-ment. Doctors put Jurgersen in a drug-induced coma and amputated his damaged left leg below the knee. Stunned members of the squadron's rear

detachment visited him in the hospital. De-spite his coma, Merritt said, Jurgersen perked up when his men came in.

"When the soldiers began to talk, he'd open his eyes. He'd try to get up," Merritt

With his wife, Karin, beside him, Jurgersen was flown to Walter Reed. Petty said his condition has improved. He awoke from the coma a few days ago. Despite his head injuries, he doesn't appear to have brain damage

His troops believe that, having survived one life-threatening wound, Jurgersen will bounce back from this one as well.

"I don't see it stopping him," Hummert said. "I see him getting a prosthetic limb, pushing himself, and getting back here to his soldiers."

Jurgersen has the prayers of his squadron to boost him, and strength his friends say is uncommon even by Army standards, "He's the toughest man I've ever met," Merritt said

Like a rock

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Navy Europe names sailor of the year

BY SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

SIGONELLA, Sicily - Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher Anton, 29, was named Thursday as the Commander-Naval Forces Europe sailor of the year, an achievement that will have him competing against 25 other sailors in the next round of compe-

His said he believes his desire to "exceed what I've already achieved" earned him the distinction



tency and commitment, both to myself and the Navy," said the aviation systems warfare operator. "I come to work every day trying to do better than the day be-

In nominating Anton for the post. Senior Chief Petty Officer Mark Flores said his leading petty officer "is hands down the top sailor. "I nominated him for his leadership abili-

ties and his ability to work for his people," Flores said. "It's all about his people for him. He puts his folks first. Their problems are his. ... If you're going to strap a saddle on people and ride 'em, you better put them first. He does."

Anton now will compete against 25 other sailors for the title of sailor of the year Commander-U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

Army orders more Humvees FAIRFIELD, Ohio - The Army's top

general said Friday that production of ar-mored Humvees for soldiers fighting in hard and Afghanistan may be stepped up beyond the current accelerated rate. Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, toured the O'Gara-Hess & Eisen-

hardt plant in this southwest Ohio city, where the Humvees are armored.

The plant was producing 450 vehicles a in December, when the Army asked the company to accelerate produc-

The Army has ordered 8,105 of the armored Humvees. Schoomaker declined to say how many of them will ultimately be needed.

GNN: Pretending to be the media for troops

Hohenfels Combat Maneuver Training Center shows soldiers how to interact with journalists

BY BEN MURRAY Stars and Strings

HOHENFELS, Germany Whenever Americans dressed as Kosovo citizens stage a mock riot in a fake town in southeast Germany, Global News Network is there to pretend to cover the story

If "Iraqi" rebels attack a U.S. military patrol in a snowy village in Bavaria, GNN turns out live updates, broadcast to no one.

Dud bombs, scripted rescues, soldiers firing blanks: This is GNN

For the resident news crew of the Hohenfels Combat Maneuver Training Center, the task of playing the role of the U.S. media in reality-based training scenarios is pretty simple: The reporters know everything that's going to happen three days ahead of time.

But to perform their function as Hohenfels' tool to tutor soldiers on how to interact with civilian media while on a mission, the eight-person news team strives to be just like a network news team

"The biggest concern with us is realism," said GNN team leader Cant Scott Rawlinson

When training rotations are in full swing at the center, members of the Vipers - visual information personnel - team dress in ci-



Global News Network reporters Spc. Tasha Woodson, left, and Spc. Allaina Parton of the 7th Army Training Command's Vipers team, grill a soldier at the Hohenfels Combat Maneuver Training Center last week, where members of the 40th Infantry Division were training for an upcoming mission in Kosovo.

vilian clothes, pick up real, broadcast-quality cameras and microphones and go to the scene of the day's events to interview soldiers and collect video footage

When they get back to their studio, the team has just four hours to put together a one-minute news package of the day's story, plus a radio broadcast of the same event, Rawlinson said.

Though the news is never broadcast outside the Hohenfels training staff, the short stories are used in the reviews of the training rotations to let commanders see how troops interacted with the media, and how the unit's actions were depicted in "the news," Raw-

"It's a valuable tool to teach [troops] how to handle and conduct themselves." said Mai. Michael Wunn, commander of the 135th Public Affairs Detachment, who just spent a week fielding questions from GNN while in training for a mission to Kosovo. Sgt. Brien Vorhees, who has been with the faux news network since it began operations two years ago, said crew members also try to replicate the attitude of typical American journalists by

being persistent, but not acting overly aggressive or antagonistic. "We try not to be hostile, but we're there to get the story," he ers aren't shy about getting close to what can be even in the training scenarios, events that become borderline violent.

'We're pretty hard core about it, we try to get right in the middle of it," said GNN crewmember Spc. Aaron Vascimini.

Vascimini recounted a recent incident in which he got caught in a mock uprising of Greek civilians played by members of Hohenfels resident opposition force, the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, while he was holding a \$15,000 camera. The crowd tried to break through a line of riot police.

"They were actually getting vio-lent trying to push through the shields," he said. "I'm just right in the middle like, 'Oh my god.' It was like something out of [the film] 'Braveheart.'

Sometimes, Vorhees said, the reporters are forced to cover their own deaths. "Killed" in the crossfire, caught in a bombing or, at least on one occasion, done in by a chemical attack, GNN journalists occasionally become bat-tlefield causalities.

But that doesn't let them off the hook, Vorhees said — the report-ers still have only four hours to report the circumstances of their own demise.

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Mohamad Hassoun, older brother of U.S. Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, speaks to the media July 8 at the Hassoun home in Utah.

AWOL Marine's brother claims anti-Muslim bias

By MARK THIESSEN The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - Anti-Muslim bias prompted military officials to treat an AWOL Marine charged with desertion more harshly than others, the man's brother said in an interview with The Associated Press

The pressure of the charge filed against Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, coupled with an argument with his newlywed wife the day he was to return to his base. drove Hassoun to flee, said his brother, Mohamad.

Neither Mohamad Hassoun nor military officials know where to find the younger Hassoup a Lebanese-born, naturalized American citizen. He failed to return to Camp Lejeune, N.C., on Jan. 5 the second time the Marines have deemed him a deserter.

"Instead of them giving him medals and making him feel good about his service and what he was doing for his country, they gave him an Article 32," Hassoun said of the military court proceedings that are on hold against his broth er until he is found

his brother's claim that he was kidnapped in Iraq last summer and held against his will before being released. Hassoun said the military charges are built on hear-

He said thousands of deserters have gone AWOL, but haven't shown up on the Naval Criminal Investigative Services' most wanted list like his brother.

All five people currently being sought by the military and fea-tured on the NCIS Web site are charged with desertion.

Maj. Matt Morgan, a spokes-man for the Camp Lejeune-based 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, denied that Hassoun was treated differently because of bias and said any action being taken against Hassoun is based

on evidence, not religion.

Mohamad Hassoun declined to say whether he has spoken to his brother after the 25-year-old soldier failed to return to Camp Leieune early last month after an authorized leave. He would only confirm that he spoke to Wassef Hassoun Dec. 29, when the Marine called from the Washington air-

Fox to air live feeds of troops during Super Bowl

LANDSTUHL. Germany - If soldiers think they see a familiar face on their television while watching the Super Bowl on Sunday, they may be right.

Fox will air live feeds from overseas U.S. military installations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel and Germany during the game. It plans to broadcast at least one spot from each country, according to the net-

To prepare for their few minutes of fame, staff members at the tuhl Regional Medical Center organized a Super Bowl party complete with a buffet and Playstation tournament for patients and soldiers serving at the hospital. The hospital staff also recorded a promotional video with interviews from a physician and a nurse that is scheduled to air on Fox before the game begins

La Fiesta restaurant debuts at Aviano

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — La Bella Vista, Aviano's base club, took on a southwest flavor Friday night with the debut of the La Fiesta restaurant. The club will offer a Tex-Mex menu on selected nights, with an

array of appetizers, entrees and desserts. Club manager Christina Churchill said the club would not offer

its normal fare when La Fiesta is open. And reservations are a must.
"We are completely booked up for this weekend," she said. For reservations or more information, call DSN 632-4303 or com-

mercial 0434-30-4303

From staff reports

DOD may seek to dismiss suit over policy on gays

Former servicemembers seek to rejoin military after being discharged under 'don't ask, don't tell' policy

BY CHARLIE COON Stars and Stripes

The Department of Defense is expected Monday to ask for dismissal of a lawsuit filed by 12 former servicemembers seeking

to rejoin the military after heing discharged under the Pentagon's ask. "don't don't tell" policy. The

former milimemtary bers filed the suit in De-

cember in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, saying that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy is unconstitutional.

Derek Sparks, a former Navy petty officer first class, is one of the plaintiffs.

veteran of military operations in the Middle East and Southwest Asia, Sparks was dis-missed in 2002 after a superior said he saw Sparks engaging in sex acts with two other male sail-

"Here I had over 14 years of service, and then all of a sudden I was unfit because of this," said Sparks, of Seattle. "I wasn't any different. I was the same person.

"The military was saving they had new information about me, but I was the same person, the same sailor. It was pretty terrible," he said.

The 11-year-old "don't ask, don't tell" policy has been challenged in court five times before and has always been upheld, said Sharon Alexander, an attorney for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network in Washington D.C., and one of the attorneys for the gay plaintiffs in the Massachu-

The Massachusetts suit, however, is one of two challenging the policy in the wake of a 2003 Supreme Court ruling that the right of privacy in private, consensual adult relationships is a "full right" to be exercised "without the intervention of government.

A Pentagon spokesman said the Defense department does not plan to budge on the policy, which requires gay servicemembers to keep their lifestyle a secret while also forbidding their command from asking about it.

"It's in the best interest for the cohesion of the force," Army Lt. Col. Joseph Richard said. "We believed that then and we currently believe that now

When asked later to clarify what he meant, Richard, in an e-mailed response, repeated the

original rationale behind the poli-"Living conditions especially in combat operations are often Spartan, primitive and characterized by forced intimacy with little or no privacy, thereby creating an environment that is cohe-

chusetts lawsuit by one former

sailor, five former soldiers, four

former airmen and one ex-Coast

Among them is Stacy Vasquez,

Vasquez said that a spouse of

one of her co-workers claimed

she saw Vasquez kissing another

woman at a nightclub Vasquez

said her commander asked her to

write a statement stating she was

Vasquez, of Washington, D.C.

said she wanted to stay in the

Army until she retired. Now she

wants to reioin and demonstrate

that, in her opinion, her fellow sol-

diers won't judge her on her life.

style but on her job performance.

sexual people and it worked just

fine," she said. "I don't think it

are serving in military right now

to be able to serve without having

to worry that they won't have a ca-

ures out they are gay," Vasquez

Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, be-

cause it is his job to enforce

Army, Navy, Air Force and Ma-rines; Tom Ridge, the former sec-

retary of Homeland Security,

which oversees the Coast Guard-

and the United States of America,

because Congress passed the 1993 law on which "don't ask, don't tell" based.

the policy's constitutionality was

filed in October by Log Cabin Re-

publicans, a GOP gay-advocacy

group, in U.S. District Court, Cen-

tral District of California. West-

ern Division. The Pentagon has

asked that suit be dismissed be-

cause no plaintiffs were named in

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The government has not yet re-

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Richard, the Pentagon spokes-

man, said that the military is sim-

ply upholding the law when it dis-

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master chief alleged that while spying through a peephole he saw Sparks and two other sailors committing homosexual acts. Sparks and the sailors reneatedly denied the allegations, but Sparks said he felt pressured by his command to admit his sexuality. "A couple days [after the allega-

tion], after I mulled it over in my mind, I got tired of lying and tired of hiding," Sparks said. "Yes, eventually I wrote a statement of my sexuality

He was given a general discharge in April 2002

"Don't ask, don't tell" started out as a 1992 campaign promise presidential candidate Bill Clinton, who wanted homosexuals to be able to serve in the military without having to hide their sexual preference. The Pentagon had previously barred homosexuals from serving in the military.

Before it passed, the law was molded into its current state.

"[The law] started out with good intentions," said Alexander, the gay plaintiffs' attorney. "But it left us in a terrible mose." it left us in a terrible mess

According to a study by the Urban Institute, based on the 2000 census there are currently about 65,000 active-duty servicemembers and reservists who are gay, or about 2.8 percent of all military personnel

Alexander said the law, which has caused more than 10,000 gays to leave the military, can only be changed by Congress or if a court finds it unconstitutional.

According to Richard, the Defense denartment believes that "don't ask, don't tell" is good for military readiness and discipline.

"We have made a determination that there are no circumstances that would require us to review, and there is no effort currently under way, to revisit "don't ask don't tell.' " Richard said.

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Bush to seek \$419.3B for '06 defense budget

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush will ask Congress for \$419.3 billion for the Pentagon for next year, 4.8 percent more than this year's spending, as the administration seeks to beef up and reshape the Army and Marine Corps for fighting terrorism.

The request will not include money for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Congress already has appropriated \$25 billion for those wars this year, and the White House is planning to request another \$80 bil-

The president plans to roll out his military spending proposal Monday as part of a roughly \$2.5 trillion federal budget. But documents obtained by The Asso ciated Press on Friday show that he will request \$19.2 billion more for the Defense Department than its \$400.1 billion budget this year.

The proposal will include restructuring and expanding the Army and adding combat and support units for the Marine Corps. It reflects Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's efforts to transform the Cold War-style military into one that's more rapidly deployable to fight terrorist groups.

The plan calls for special operations forces, which the documents described as "critical to the fight against terrorism," to add 1,200 troops. The forces "critical to the fight would get \$50 million to keep people from leaving the

The president also wants Congress to let him spend \$750 million as he chooses to help Iraq, Afghanistan and U.S. allies opposing terrorism bolster their military and security forces. In the past, lawmakers have been reluctant to give Bush unfettered control of such funds but have generally complied.

On Thursday, Missouri Rep. Ike Skelton -Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee

dent's budget request, which he anticipated would be billions less than the Pentagon had predicted need-ing, "may weaken our efforts" in Iraq and Afghanistan "while undermining our ability to prepare for future conflicts?

Overall, the president's proposal calls for the Navy, Marines and Air Force to all receive extra funds next year, but the Army's budget would take a \$300 million reduction to \$100 billion even though it's bearing the brunt of the costs and fighting in Iraq and Afghan istan. However, the \$80 billion Bush plans to request in the coming days for Iraq and Afghanistan is expected to be tilted heavily toward the Army.

Bush plans to propose \$1.6 billion to fight chemical and biological threats next year and \$9.9 billion over the next five years. And, he would allocate \$9.5 billion for homeland security activities next year and \$147.8 billion for training, maintenance and other

readiness" programs.

The president, according to the documents, will seek \$8.8 billion for its missile defense program, com-pared with \$9.9 billion this year. The documents also showed that he would ask for \$695.7 million for the Chinook helicopter for next year, compared with \$869.8 million for this year. And, the B-2 stealth omber would get \$344.3 million, down from \$365 million this year

More than half the total defense increase — \$10.8 billion — would be for training, maintenance and other costs associated with keeping the military ready for action. Most of the rest would go for military salaries and construction of bases and housing.

The proposal calls for increasing military base salaries by 3.1 percent and civilian salaries by 2.3 percent. It also calls for giving troops more money for housing and giving reservists better health care coverage and additional education benefits

Alan Fram of The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Military-sponsored Web site investigated by DOD

BY ROBERT BURNS

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon's chief investigator is looking into the military's practice of paying journalists to write ar-ticles and commentary for a Web site aimed at influencing public opinion in the Balkans.

At the request of Larry Di Rita, chief spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, the Pentagon's inspector general, Joseph Schmitz, is reviewing that case and also looking more broadly at Pentagon activities that might involve inap propriate payments to journal-

Di Rita said Friday that he had no reason to believe there have been any inappropriate ac-tivities but wanted a comprehensive review to "help ensure our processes are sufficiently sensi-tive to this matter." He stressed that the Web projects are done in close coordination with the State Department.

The Balkans Web site called Southeast European Times, as well as a second aimed at audiences in north Africa, have no immediately obvious connection to the U.S. government but contain a linked disclaimer that says they are "sponsored by the U.S. European Command."

The second site, called Magharebia and aimed at the Maghreb region that encompass-es Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia, still is in development and has not reached the stage of having paid correspondents, said Air Force Lt. Col. Derek Kaufman, a European Command spokesman.

Both sites carry news stories compiled from The Associated Press, Reuters and other news organizations. The Pentagon's role in these Web sites was first reported by CNN on Thursday.

The Balkans Web site also has articles and commentary by about 50 journalists who Kaufman said are paid by European Command through a private con-tractor, Anteon Corp., an information technology based in Fairfax, Va company

The Web sites are examples of what the military calls "information operations," or programs designed to influence public opinion by countering what the Pentagon considers to be misinformation or lies that circulate in the international

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STARS STRIPES.

Wounded warriors make way on slopes

BY MICHAEL HILL

The Associated Press

WINDHAM, N.Y. - Sgt. Andrew Butterworth was up on skis for the first time since losing a leg in Iraq. And almost just as quickly, he was down. "You still want to go?" his in-

structor asked, helping the 25-year-old National Guardsman from Durham, N.C., out of the snow after he lost his balance. 'You bet!" Butterworth replied,

rejoining nine other soldiers making their way down the beginners' hill Friday at Windham Mountain in the Catskills The men most of whom lost legs

in Iraq or Afghanistan, are getting a three-day free pass to ski and stay in the Catskills under a program that's part rehab, part "thank you" and part R&R.

"We don't quit," said 1st. Lt. Jeffrey Adams, who lost his left leg. "If we quit, we'd be in the hospital crying, and that's kind of useless." The soldiers came up from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, many of them healing from grenade attacks or roadside bomb explosions. A local chapter of Disabled Sports USA, the Adaptive Sports Foundation, helped raise \$16,000 to cover the soldiers' flight, food and lodging Most of the men are in their 20s.

Some had skied before their injuries. Others, like Baton Rouge, La. native Adams, hit the slopes for the first time.

"A one-legged guy from Louisi-ana trying to ski," he said. "It's



Army 1st Lt. Jeffrey Adams, right, of Baton Rouge, La., gets guidance from instructor Mark Fitzpatrick as as he learns to ski with outriggers Friday in Windham, N.Y. Adams lost his right leg in Iraq.

going to be fun."

Most of the soldiers have been wounded within the past year, which adds to the challenge of skiing, said ASF executive director Cherisse Young

'You're also going to deal with

more of the emotional issues as well ... depression, the 'Why me?' scenario. 'I can't do what I used to do,' that kind of stuff," Young said "Really, what our program does is show them that they can still do









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U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Friday, at least 1,445 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1.105 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11: Bulgaria, seven: Slovakia, three: Estonia. Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,307 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 996 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numhers

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- A soldier was killed Thurs day by a roadside bomb while
- on patrol south of Mosul, Iraq. A soldier was killed Friday by an explosive near Beiji,

The latest identifications reported by the military:

- Army Sgt. 1st Class Sean M. Cooley, 35, Ocean Springs, Miss.; killed by an explosive Thursday in Irag's northern Babil province: assigned to the Engineer 150th Battalion, 155th Armor Brigade. Lucedale Miss
- Army Sgt. Stephen R. Sherman, 27, Neptune, N.J.; died Thursday in Mosul, Iraq. after an explosive detonated near his vehicle; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division Fort Lewis Wash
- Marine Lance Cpl. Sean P Maher, 19, Grayslake, Ill.; killed Wednesday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment 3rd Marine Division III Marine Expeditionary Force Marine Corps Base Hawaii.
- Army Spc. Robert T. Hendrickson, 24, Broken Bow, Okla.; died Tuesday in Bagh dad after his vehicle overturned; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort
- Army Sgt. 1st Class Mark C. Warren, 44, La Grande, Ore.; died Monday of noncombat injuries at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq; assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 116th Armor Cavalry Regiment, 116th Brigade Combat Team, LaGrande, Ore.





Left: An Iraqi soldier weeps at the scene of a roadside bomb Saturday, which exploded beside an Iraqi patrol killing four Iraqi National Guardsmen in Basra. Right: Farid Ayar, spokesman for the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, speaks at a press conference Saturday in Baghdad. Early figures released from 10 mostly Shiite provinces showed the Shiite ticket endorsed by the Shiite clergy with about two-thirds of the votes. The ticket of Prime Minister Avad Allawi, a secular Shiite, was trailing at about 18 percent.

21 Iraqis, 2 GIs killed in attacks

Shiite Alliance maintains lead; Some Sunnis want government role

BY JASON KEYSER

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents launched fresh at-tacks with bombs and bullets, killing 21 Iraqis and two U.S. soldiers, as the Shiite-led alliance that has rolled up a big lead in Irao's elections said it wants to name the prime minister

post in the upcoming government.

The demands from the United Iraqi Alliance could spell trouble for Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite with U.S. back-ing whose ticket is run-

ning second. Allawi had been seen as a possible compromise candidate if the Shiites and their allies don't win two-thirds of the 275 National Assembly seats.

The Alliance would like to get either the position of the president or the prime minister and it prefers that it be that of the prime minister," said Redha Taqi, a top official

in one of the coalition factions. Partial results have shown the Alliance, which has links to Iran and is endorsed by powerful cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, with two-thirds of the 3.3 million votes counted so far in the race for the National Assembly.

The list headed by the U.S.-backed Allawi had about 579,700 votes, or 18 percent.

The returns, released Friday are only a partial count from 10 southern provinces in Iraq's Shiite heartland But if the Alliance amasses a large vote count in the south. Allawi will have a tough time making up the difference.

Results from much of Baghdad, the Sunni Arah provinces of north-central Iraq and the Kurdish provinces in the north have vet to emerge

The Iraqi election commission released no new election returns Saturday, but predicted it would announce final vote totals by Thursday. Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani has an-

nounced his candidacy for the largely ceremonial presidency. The Kurds are expected to win a sizable bloc of assembly seats and could form an alliance with the Shiites. Both groups suffered under Saddam Hussein

A collection of Sunni Arab parties that refused to participate in the election said Saturday they want to participate in the drafting of a nermanent constitution - part of an effort led by Sunni elder statesman Adnan Pachachi to ensure the community is included in the key next step after the vote.

The representatives of these political bodies that did not participate in the elections have decided in principle to take part in the writing of the permanent constitution in a suitable way," a statement from the group said. The groups were mainly small movements

and it's not clear how representative they are. In the latest violence, four Iraqi National

Guardsmen died in a roadside bombing early

Saturday in Basra, Irag's second largest city, while gunmen overran a police station in the northern city of Mosul, killing five officers, police officials said.

Gunmen assassinated a member of the Baghdad city council. Abbas Hasan Waheed. and a member of Iraq's intelligence service in two separate drive-by shootings.

Two Iraqi troops died from a blast that hit a patrol in the central city of Samarra, and three Iraqi National Guard soldiers were also killed in clashes west of Mosul, in the city of Tal Afar, on Friday night, hospital officials said.

The two American soldiers from Task Force Danger were killed in a roadside bombing Friday night near Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad, the U.S. military said Saturday. The military had said a second roadside blast in the same area killed two more American soldiers, but later said that report was wrong.

West of the capital, a U.S. convoy in the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi was rocked by a roadside bomb that killed two Iraqi bystanders, a hospital official said. It wasn't clear if there were any American casualties.

The brother of the police chief for Mosul and the surrounding Ninevah province was

kidnapped Saturday, police officials said. The kidnapping came three days after the

chief Gen Mohammed Ahmed al-Juhouri had threatened to destroy rebel sanctuaries if insurgents did not surrender their weapons within two weeks

Militant Web posting claims 7 Iraqi Guardsmen killed

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates An Iraqi militant group claimed in a Web site posting Saturday to have killed seven members of the Iraqi National Guard. and video footage posted with the claim appeared to show seven people being shot repeatedly in their heads and upper bodies.

In the statement posted on its Web site, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army claimed it killed the seven "apostates" after they were captured in the Baghdad suburb of Abu Ghraib Insurgents ambushed a police

convoy Thursday in Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad, killing one policeman and wounding five.

Officials said at the time that about 50 policemen were in the convoy and that a number of them were missing after the ambush

The convoy was traveling to Diwaniyah south of Baghdad. The Ansar al-Sunnah Army has

claimed responsibility for several

attacks and kidnappings. But it was not possible to determine if the latest claim was authentic

The Web site carried a video showing a total of seven men, in two separate groups, identifying themselves as members of the Iraqi military.

Another poor-quality video clip followed, appearing to show seven people, blindfolded and sitting and lying on the ground, and then

being shot repeatedly. Two men, their faces digitally

blurred, appeared to carry out the Some of the victims were wear-

ing what looked like military-style T-shirts, and some wore light civilian-style jackets.

In the video, one of the men later shot said, "The mujahideen attacked us and I threw away my weapon and tried to run away.

The Ansar al-Sunnah Army, one of the most active insurgent groups in Iraq, has previously claimed responsibility for numerous kidnappings and attacks.

Sunday, February 6, 2005 STARS AND STRIPES .

Smile and say 'Spiderhole'



Spc. Shane Krebs of Company B, 1st Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, sits in the cupola of his Humvee under the watchful eye of "Smiley" Hussein at Camp Justice on Saturday in northern Baghdad. The mural was originally of another Hussein — former President Saddam Hussein - and after his fall some unknown soldiers added the smiley face over Saddam's. The nearby entrance to the base is now known as the Smiley Gate.

Big shoes to fill

Troop replacements joining units in Iraq find there's a lot to learn

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO Stars and Stripes

RAMADI, Iraq — You can tell them apart by their crisp new uni-forms, untouched by wrinkles or desert sand, and by the way they sit quietly to the side while other soldiers trade war stories and tales of friends wounded or killed.

They are the replacements: soldiers brought in to supplement the ranks as U.S. units in Iraq lose troops in battle, to illness or for administra-

In soldier parlance, they are "turtles" - a Vietnam-era nickname derived from their supposedly slow ar-rival in theater — or "FNGs," a slightly more colorful reference to their "[evnletive] New Guy" status

The replacement system is a practice as old as combat, and as the U.S. mission in Iraq begins its third full year amid a continuing insurgency, it is a more common occurrence for units throughout the country.
Second Lt. John Sommervold, a

24-year-old from Rapid City, S.D., arrived in Iraq early on the morning of Feb. 2. Until then, he had been with the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division's rear detachment in Fort CarThe 2nd Brigade, which deployed 3,500 soldiers from South Korea to Iraq last fall, will head to Carson when its year tour in Iraq is over. Be-cause of that, much of the brigade's administrative work takes place in Colorado; it is also where their replacements are selected.

Sommervold was fresh out of school, originally bound for a platoon command slot with the 4th Infantry Division. Instead, he was assigned as a replacement public affairs officer with 2nd Brigade in Iraq. When he arrived at Camp Ramadi, he was shift-ed again and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry

Over the coming weeks, he will try to integrate into his new unit.

"My mind-set is that I'll be trying not to do something stupid to get my-self killed," Sommervold said of his first weeks in country.

"You listen to the other officers and [noncommissioned officers] and get their advice and some of the lessons they've learned.'

He won't have the benefit of the five months of combat experience the rest of the battalion has had in one of

"It's definitely harder coming in this way," he said

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Troops: Late arrivals try to adjust

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Personnel officials with the 2nd Brigade have worked for months to prepare their replacement packages, the first of which they received in late January. Since their deployment began in September. the brigade has suffered at least

40 deaths and many more injuries. "We know that there are always going to be losses, so we were already prepping for replacements" within the first 90 days of the brigade's arrival in Iraq, said Sgt. 1st Class Hugh Bent, of the personnel

"The losses have varied: it's medics, mechanics, supply guys. You have to tailor the people coming in base off that."

The replacement system is no longer a one-to-one proposition. With the shortage of ground combat troops and the different tactics of a guerrilla campaign, every military occupation specialty is in demand

"Under normal circumstances, previous to the war on terror, it was one-to-one," said Maj. Tom Huse. "Here that isn't the case because MOS doesn't matter. Everyone's an infantryman first, so everyone is subject to becoming a casualty

For 2nd Brigade, the replacements are trained at Fort Carson and wait there before being selected for duty in Iraq. During the wait, they go through a 30-day course on weapons, rules of en-

Former Abu Ghraib guard gets 6 months

The Associated Press FORT HOOD, Texas - Set.

Javal Davis doesn't have to serve much prison time for abusing detainees at Abu Ghraib in late 2003, but once his incarceration is over, so is

his prized career as a soldier. Α

nine-.. Army jui, Friday nine-man Davis to six months in a military prison, reduc-tion in rank



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to private and a bad-conduct dis charge.

The jurors deliberated more than five hours to arrive at their nunishment for Davis a former Abu Ghraib guard who admitted stepping on the hands and feet of handcuffed detainees and falling with his full weight on top of them. Davis has already been credit-

ed with a month served, and his prison term could be reduced another three weeks for good conduct behind bars, said Capt. Chuck Neill, a spokesman for prosecutors.

The sentence is among the lightest for any soldier convicted in the Abu Ghraib scandal

gagement and cultural awareness, said Sgt. 1st Class Yvette Morrison, who traveled to Kuwait last month to receive and escort the brigade's first group of replacements

Other units in the Army put similar courses into place. The Germany-based 1st Armored Division had a nine-day course called Indi-

vidual Replacement Training. The goal, Morrison said, is to make sure soldiers are "combat capable" before they are sent to their new units. If a combatant commander feels the soldier isn't ready when he arrives, the soldier will not be sent into combat, she said

The biggest lesson: "Stay alert, stay alive," Morrison said.

Much of the time is spent on rumor control and trying to reassure the new soldiers they will be welcomed into their new unit. Some have even met the soldiers

they are replacing while the wounded soldiers convalesce at Fort Carson.

Still, some of the replacements worry about fitting in when they arrive

"I know it's going to be hard. How do you just step into some guy's boots who was under fire with these guys and had been here since the beginning?" asked one of the 28 replacements who arrived at the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry in downtown Ramadi last week. The 503rd has taken the heaviest losses in the brigade; their area

of operations puts them in almost daily urban combat with insur-gents in the city.

"These guys have gone through hell together already. I don't want to be the new guy who everyone teases. I know I'm going to have to prove myself, and I hope I can do

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U.S.: G-7 must cut off funds to terror

BY ED JOHNSON The Associated Press

LONDON — The international community must step up the financial war on terrorism and choke off funding for extremist groups, Treasury Undersecreary John Taylor has told a gathering a finance ministers in London

Taylor, who is attending a summit of the world's seven wealthiest nations, said the money channeled to terrorist organizations such as al-Qaida and Hamas must be cut off.

"By breaking the financial backbone of terrorist groups and insurgents, we can encumber and thwart their short-term ambitions while rupturing and dismantling their long-term agendas," Taylor said in a dinner address Friday evening, "Choking off funds that aid terrorist efforts can lead to the ultimate ruin of terrorist organizations"

The United States has stepped up action against foreign financial institutions it suspects of money laundering and using powers under the 2001 USA Patriot Act has cut them off from the U.S. financial system.

According to a text of his speech released by his office, Taylor called on other countries to adopt such measures.

"Though we have found this tool to be highly effective, it would clearly be most effective if employed multilaterally," said Taylor, who is attending the G-7 gathering in place of U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow, who has a cold.

"The United States believes we should apply these lessons and deploy the full array of financial tools at our disposal to attack the financial underpinnings of all illicit activity, including organized crime, kleptocracy, narcotics trafficking and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," he said.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, more than \$140 million in financial assets belonging to suspected terrorist financiers has been frozen worldwide, the Treasury Department has said.

The Patriot Act, passed after the attacks, broadened the government's powers to go after money launderers and terror financiers. But critics of the sweeping anti-terrorism law contend that it gives too much power to the government and the Bush administration must lobby Congress this year to reauthorize the legislation.

IN THE WORLD



Turkey, on Saturday, hours before the arrival of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Rice hopes Turkey trip heals ties

The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey - Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived in the Turkish capital Saturday for a trip aimed at improving relations with this NATO ally, where anti-American sentiment has been

strong since the start of the war in neighboring Iraq Rice's two-day visit is part of a tour of Europe and the Middle East, her first since becoming the top American diplomat

Earlier Saturday, during a visit to Poland, she said European allies expressed their readiness to mend ties frayed by differences with the United States over the war in Iraq

"I think what we're hearing from Europe is a desire to move on to the next chapter in this great alli-ance," she said following a meeting with Polish For-

eign Minister Adam Rotfeld. Rice thanked Poland, a durable ally in Iraq, for placing troops in Iraq early and keeping them there. Standing with the prime minister, Marek Belka, she

made a special point to express her condolences for the loss of Polish life in Iraq.
"That effort on the behalf of democracy and freedom is much appreciated," Rice said

Upon arriving in Ankara, Rice went straight into a meeting with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Er-dogan. Rice's visit comes amid tensions with Turkey, which is terrified that the war in Iraq could lead to the disintegration of the neighboring country and the

creation of a Kurdish state in the northern areas That could embolden Kurds in southeastern Turkey, where the Turkish army has been battling Kurdish rebels since 1984, a fight that has left 37,000 dead.

Talk of possible sanctions or action against Iran are further stoking Turkish fears of regional instability and Turkish leaders have repeatedly hinted that they feel their concerns are being ignored in Wash-

Protesters held a number of small demonstrations

criticizing Rice and U.S. policy in Iraq throughout the country Saturday, including one attend ed by dozens of leftists outside

the U.S. Embassy in Ankara. Rice also planned to meet with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to plan ahead for a September summit with President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin

Russia also was critical of U.S. policies in Iraq. But Rice, an academic specialist on the former Soviet Union and a Russian

speaker, said the United States has "productive" rela-tions with Russia that will "deepen and broaden, par-ticularly if democratic values can find a way to take hold in Russia."

Rice, who stopped in Britain and Germany on Fri-

day, heads to Israel on Sunday. She later heads back to Europe, and plans to give a speech in Paris, a venue chosen in part to answer continued French criticism of American foreign policy.

Associated Press writer Louis Me

Afghan airplane wreckage found

Survivors unlikely, officials say; six Americans believed on board

By EMILIO MORENATTI The Associated Press

CHENARI, Afghanistan NATO helicopter gunships found the wreckage of a missing Afghan airliner on a frigid mountain east of the capital Saturday, and offi-cials said they didn't believe any of the 104 people aboard could

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Six Americans were believed to have been on board, the U.S. Embassy Kabul said, doubling the number reported so far.

Afghan police struggled deep through snow to within sight of the scat-

tered debris, but reported no sign of life beyond scavenging animals and birds and were forced back by darkness and plummeting temperatures.

'So far we don't think there are any survivors," said Lutfullah Mashal, a spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of Interior.

"The plane is completely destroyed."

The Kam Air Boeing 737-200 vanished from radar screens on Thursday afternoon as it approached Kabul airport in a snowstorm, sparking a massive search operation for the 96 passengers and eight crew, at least 24 of them foreigners.

If all are confirmed dead, it

would be this war-wracked na-tion's deadliest air disaster.

Officials said there was no indication that the scheduled flight, which was arriving from the west-ern Afghan city of Herat, was hijacked or bombed.

Afghan Transport Minister Enavatullah Oasemi said the cause of the crash remained a mystery and said U.S. Department of Transportation experts as well as representative of the foreign victims would help investigate.

NATO said two of its Dutch Anache helicopters spotted the tail of the plane on Saturday after noon, lying at an altitude of Mountain, 20 miles east of Kabul

Helicopters then dropped a Slo-venian mountain rescue team to the scene, but Qasemi said nobody reached the wreck age before night-fall.

"Tomorrow, we plan to use helicopters to quickly start recovering the bodies," the minister said at a

news conference.

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Gen. Mahbub Amiri, an Afghan police commander who got as far as the village of Chenari at the foot of the mountain, said 30 of his men got within a half-mile of the crash site. They saw no bodies among the pieces of plane jutting from the snow, but reported that wild animals and birds had been attracted to the scene.

"No way" could anyone have survived, Amiri said.

Kam Air was the first private airline in post-Taliban Afghani-stan and began flying in November 2003. Its flights on leased Boeing and Antonov planes are popu-lar with wealthy Afghans and also used by aid and reconstruction

However, there have been concerns about the safety of its planes and those of state-owned Ariana Airlines, as well as the ap-proach through the mountains which ring Kabul. The airport only recently installed an electronic landing system and still relies on the main U.S. base at Bagram, to the north, for radar.

Oil-for-food problems

Boutros-Ghali, former U.N. Secretary-General, said Saturday that he regrets the mismanagement of the Iraqi oil-for-food program, but insisted his successor. Kofi Annan, must share the blame

Boutros-Ghali headed the U.N. in the years leading up to the pro-gram's inception in 1996 and played a crucial role in founding it. "I share the responsibility, but

don't twist the whole operation. Boutros-Ghali told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Kuwait terror arrests

SULAIBIYAH, Kuwait - Five suspected terrorists holed up at a house in Kuwait surrendered to police Saturday after authorities sealed off the area, Kuwait Television reported Kuwait Television quoted an In-

terior Ministry statement as saying the five were two Saudi Arabians and three Jordanians wanted by authorities

Attacks in Acapulco

ACAPULCO, Mexico - An un known number of assailants staged three almost simulta-neous, guerrilla-style attacks in Acapulco on Saturday, killing four people a day before a key tri-state gubernatorial election.

It was not clear who carried out the attacks, but Acapulco had been a center of operation for the rebel group in years past

From The Associated Press

G-7 nations willing to offer full debt relief

LONDON - Finance ministers from the Group of Seven industrial nations said Saturday that they were willing to provide 100 percent debt relief to the world's poorest nations, but insisted develop-ing countries must ensure the money would be spent wisely.

Britain's Treasury chief Gordon Brown said at the close of the G-7 summit in London that debt relief would be "agreed on a case by case basis."

He said discussions would continue on what fi-

nancing mechanisms should be used to increase overseas development assistance. The International Monetary Fund would examine a proposal to re-evaluate its gold supplies to finance debt relief when it meets in April.

Britain has made tackling poverty in Africa and

the developing world a priority for its presidency of the G-8 — the Group of Seven plus Russia — and says the goals of the United Nations' 2000 Mil-

lennium Summit, to tackle by 2015 the poverty, hunger and disease affecting billions of people, will not be met without urgent action.

G-7 finance ministers said developing countries must have "sound, accountable and transparent in-stitutions" and develop policies for poverty reduc-tion and sustained economic growth.

The communique issued at the close of the conference noted that corruption in poor countries was a "significant barrier to growth, private-sec-tor development, investment and poverty reduc-

In return, wealthy nations were committed to en-ergizing the round of trade talks, launched in Doha, Qatar, in 2001, that aim to slash subsidies, tariffs and other barriers to global commerce, and to use

trade to help poor nations, the communique said.

Brown hailed the summit as a success, saying that for the first time a G-7 communique had spe-

cifically tackled the issues of development aid and debt relief

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Victims of '94 Sarajevo massacre remembered

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Sarajevans commemorated Saturday the victims of a wartime massacre 11 years ago, in which a mortar shell fired from a hill outside the besieged city landed on a crowded downtown market, killing 67 people and injuring 142.

Vegetable and fruit sellers removed their stands to make room for several hundred survivors, family members of victims and officials who gathered at the Markale market to remember the victims

Several wooden stands that were used at the market 11 years ago were brought back in and covered with red roses.

The names of the 67 killed were read out, and people laid flowers in front of a wall displaying the names, which was erected at the site where the 120 millimeter mortar shell landed in the 1904 attack

"We should not forget, but we must move on. Coexistence and tolerance are our foundation and our tradition," said Sulejman

Tihic, a member of the Bosnian multiethnic presidency.

He added that for the sake of justice and peace, the perpetrators of this and other crimes committed during the war in Bosnia

must be found and punished.

The 1994 market place massacre was the worst Sarajevo saw during the nearly 1,400 days of

during the nearly 1,400 days of siege by the Bosnian Serb forces. Over 11,000 Sarajevo civilians

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French march to protest work hours

PARIS — Trade unions handed a slap Saturday to President Jacques Chirac's conservative government, gathering tens of thousands of people at marches to protest plans to chip away at the short working week.

Tens of thousands of marchers set off on a demonstration through eastern Paris on Saturday after-

A march earlier in Toulouse in southwest France drew 14,000 protesters, police said, while organizers said 25,000 took part. At least 4,000 people — mostly civil servants and employees from state-owned firms — marched in Saint-Etienne in the southeast.

Unions called the demonstrations against a proposal from Chirac's governing party that aims to relax a law limiting the workweek to 35 hours.

Changes would allow employees to work up to 48 hours a week, the European limit. Supporters say the proposal would lift a burden off companies and state finances and allow workers to earn more money.

Critics claim the proposal would destroy the gain of working less.

From The Associated Press

Europe working to integrate Gypsies

BY VESELIN TOSHKOV The Assosiated Press

SOFIA, Bulgaria — Leaders from eight central and eastern European countries agreed Wednesday to work together to fight prejudice and discrimination against Roma and fully integrate this minority into their societies.

Prime ministers and government officials from Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, and Slovakia gave their backing to the 10-year initiative for improving the social and economic status of Europe's Gypsies, called the Decade of Roma Inclusion.

The project is sponsored by the World Bank and the Open Society Institute and aims to fight isolation, unemployment and illiteracy among one of Europe's largest

World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn called the initiative "one of the great moral issues facing Europe today."

"This is the first time that the governments are showing real political will to see that Roma are equal citizens in a growing Europe," said George Soros, chairman of the Open Society Institute.

The international financier and philanthropist, who called for the initiative two years ago, will contribute \$30 million to the newly established Roma Education Fund, which will support education reform.

Governments, multilateral and private organizations and individuals have also contributed to the Fund, which now has more that \$43 million. However, a Roma activist said that although the initiative was welcome, he did not believe 10 years would be enough to make a difference.

"After centuries of neglect and discrimination, 10 years is a rather short period to expect some real progress," Asen Slavchev of the Roma-Lom Foundation said.

The project is guided by an International Steering Committee, made up of representatives of governments, Roma from each country and international organizations.

Roma are now one of the larg-

Roma are now one of the largest, poorest and fastest growing minorities in Europe with a total population estimated at between 7 to 9 million.

Also on Wednesday, the United Nations Development Program released a new survey on the status of Roma minorities in central and eastern Europe, providing thorough statistical data to outline Gypsies' position as highly underprivileged members of society.

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Ruling may wreck case against tobacco industry

WASHINGTON - An appeals court says the federal government cannot use a racketeering law to seek a huge penalty against the tobacco industry.

The decision by a nanel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit dealt a major blow to the government's attempt to hold cigarette makers accountable for decades of alleged deceit about the dangers of smoking, ruling the Justice Department can't seek \$280 billion in penal-

Friday's 2-1 ruling comes in the

midst of a monthslong trial in U.S. District Court on the government's lawsuit contending the industry knew about the health dangers of smoking but hid that information from the public. The trial will continue while the government considers an appeal.

Even if the decision stands, U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler could impose restrictions on the tobacco companies, such as limiting marketing or requiring the industry to fund public health campaigns or smoking cessation pro-

Still, the appeals court decision was a major win for tobacco com-

sending stock prices of cigarettes makers sharply higher. Charles A. Blixt, executive vice

president and general counsel for R.J. Revnolds Tobacco Co., said the ruling "dramatically transforms" the government's lawsuit.

Government lawyers were reviewing the ruling and had no immediate comment Justice Departs spokeswoman Smith said. They could request a rehearing in front of the three judges, ask for the full appeals court to consider the case or appeal to the Supreme Court. The \$280 billion is the most ever

sought in a civil racketeering trial.



President Bush talks about his plan to reform Social Security during a town hall meeting Friday afternoon in Tampa, Fla., at the Tampa Convention Center. Bush also discussed the plan in his weekly radio ad-

Bush radio talk touts Social Security plan

BY JENNIFER LOVEN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fresh from a five-state tour promoting his plan to add private accounts to Social Security, President Bush pledged on Saturday to go beyond that proposal and push for an overhaul to make the retirement system permanently solvent.

Bush told his weekly radio audience that the budget he submits to Congress on Monday will hold the growth of discretionary spending below the projected 2.3 percent rate of inflation.

Discretionary programs are ones Congress must re-approve each year; the White House estimates their cost at \$823 billion this year.

"I welcome the bipartisan calls to control the spending appetite of the federal government," Bush said He spent the two days after his

State of the Union address in rallies around the country to press Congress to back his idea for letting younger workers put up to two-thirds of their Social Security tay contributions into accounts invested in stocks and bonds. In return, those workers would see an unspecified reduction in their traditional Social Security benefit.

The Social Security system needs radical change to be saved, Bush said, and one step he is proposing is the private accounts. He said private accounts would

allow younger wokers a possible better rate of return - without mentioning possible negative results - and the accounts would be something they could pass on to heirs.

"We will make the system a bet ter deal for younger workers by allowing them to save some of their payroll taxes in voluntary personegg they can call their own, which government can never away," the president said.

He also has acknowledged that more must be done to solve the long-term financial problems of the government retirement pro-

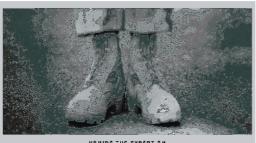
"We will make Social Security's finances permanently sound, not leave the task for another day." he said

Democrats have disputed Bush's assertion the Social Security system is in crisis, pointing out that it is not until 2042 when the system will be able to cover only about 73 percent of benefits owed. Most also oppose Bush's plan for private accounts, saying they would result in unacceptable benefit cuts, add to the federal debt and speed the program's insolvency.

In his party's weekly radio address Saturday, Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe replied: "While Social Security faces challenges. Bush's privatization plan would make things worse. Benefit cuts, massive debt and more insecurity are not the type of drastic changes we need to make to our nation's retirement security.

McAuliffe called Bush's approach a "selfish agenda" and said Democrats have a better approach for addressing the problems Social Security faces "down the road."

"Democrats want any plan to solve the Social Security chal-lenge to be rooted in fiscal discipline, with budgets that pay as we go," he said. "Democrats will insist that any change to the system not result in benefit cuts. On those two principles for the safety and security of America's seniors we will not vield."



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Ossie Davis remembered for his acting, activism

BY DON SINGLETON New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Ossie Davis was remembered Friday as a man who championed racial justice in memorable roles on the stage and screen and as an African-American man of extraordinary stature.

Davis, who was found dead in a Miami hotel room, starred in the epic TV series "Roots" and Spike Lee's breakthrough 1988 film "Do the Right Thing." He was in Florida to start filming for the movie "Retirement," his Hollywood talent agency said. He was 87

Davis was born in Cogdell, Ga. He and his wife and longtime acting partner, Ruby Dee, made their home in New Rochelle. N.Y. Dee was in New Zealand on Friday to make a movie, according to Davis' agent, Michael Livingston.

"Ossie Davis was an actor and an artist of enormous talent whose portrayal of the human experience reminded us each time collective experiences," said New York City Mayor Michael

"Look up the dictionary definition for activist," said actor Bill Cosby. "He was also the epitome of a role model."

Performer Harry Belafonte spoke of Davis on Friday at the Schomberg Center in Harlem. "The loss of Ossie Davis is one of the most profound losses of my life," he said, "I will miss him in more ways than I can imagine.'

"The passing of Ossie Davis is

a tremendous loss to the world community, the nation, the civil rights movement and me personally " said the Rev. Al Sharnton. "Whether it was going to jail together to protest the brutal killing of Amadou Diallo or watching the Super Bowl at the home black businessman Earl Graves, Ossie was ... a giant tree that fell in our forest that can

Davis, who wrote, acted, directed and produced for the the-

never be replaced."

tral figure among black performers for decades. He and Dee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1998 with the publication of a dual autobiography, "In This Life Together."

When not on stage or on camera. Davis and Dee were deeply involved in civil rights issues and efforts to promote the cause of blacks in the entertainment industry. In 1965, Davis delivered the eulogy at the funeral of Malcolm X

The couple nearly ran afoul of the anti-Communist witch hunts of the early 1950s but were never openly accused of any wrongdoing.

Actor Roy Scheider, who had performed with Davis and attended anti-war rallies with him, called Davis and Dee "the first political couple of America."

"Ossie seemed to always show up at the right time, on the right side, which was always the human side," Scheider said. "He was always progressive and had a very heartfelt sympathy for all people everywhere

Couple accused of starving, torturing kids caught in Fla.

BY MIKE BRANOM The Associated Press

INVERNESS, Fla. - A Florida couple accused of torturing and starving five adopted chil dren - including pulling out their toenails and subjecting them to electric shocks - were

southeast-Utah after police tracked them through cell their phones, officials said John an Linda Dol-

gravated child abuse

captured in

lar were jailed Friday in San Juan County, Utah, on Florida warrants of felony ag-

The family included seven adopted children between the ages of 12 and 17. Five of the children told investigators they were tortured by the couple, subiected to electric shocks, beatings with hammers and having their toenails yanked out with

Authorities said the abused five had physical injuries to back up their claims and were severely malnourished. They told of being forced to sleep in a closet in the Dollars' bedroom

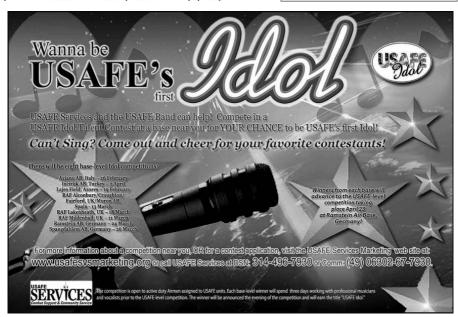
because the couple cused them of stealing food and misbehaving. sheriff's spokeswom-

an Gail Tierney. "They looked like the photos

said

seen of Auschwitz," said Tierney, describing 14-year-old twins, one weighing 36 pounds, the other 38 pounds - about 80 pounds below the normal weights for their age.

The other two children were favored by the Dollars and were uninjured. Tierney said. All seven are in state custody.



Political ideologies square off in schools



RIETTA (GA.) DAILY JOURNAL/A

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Michael Manley poses with a copy of one of the science textbooks in which the Cobb County, Ga., School Board has placed a warning sticker that says evolution is "a theory, not a fact" in this Nov. 4 photo.

BY MATT CRENSON The Associated Press

In America's culture wars, schoolchildren are on the front lines

From Maine to California, parents, teachers and school boards are squabbling — and sometimes suing one another — over what children should learn about sex, how to teach about religion's role in American history and how stu-dents ought to be introduced to the mystery of mankind's origins.

These arguments have been going on, with varying degrees of intensity, for decades. But President Bush's November victory — widely interpreted as defeat for liberals — seems to have emboldened the religious right and enliv-

ened the debate. "I think right now there's a lot of new energy among some conservative Christian groups," said Charles C. Haynes, a senior scholar at the Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center.

As usual, the teaching of evolution is a center of contention.

Parents and school boards are currently in-volved in court battles over it in at least 13

States.

But there are other flashpoints.

In Cupertino, Calif., fifth-grade teacher Steven Williams has filed suit against the school district that employs him, claiming that his First Amendment rights are violated by a policy that requires him to submit for approval

any classroom handout mentioning religion. The Phoenix-based Alliance Defense Fund,

which is representing Williams, says the school's policy effectively bans the teacher from handing out such important historical from handing out such important instorical documents as the Declaration of Indepen-dence, which says: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," that they are endowed by their creator. Nonsense, say school district officials. In fact, Notisense, say senior district onticals. It is active Declaration of Independence is right in the students' textbooks, district communications manager Jerry Nishihara points out. What's not in the textbooks — and for good reason, school officials say — is the material Williams was handing out to students on his own.

There was, for example, a classroom hand-out titled, "What Great Leaders Have Said About the Bible," containing quotes from nine U.S. presidents and another from Jesus. Some of these quotes, school officials say, are ficti-

At the root of disagreements like the one in Cupertino are feelings on the part of conservatives that schools go too far in trying to avoid violating the constitutional separation of church

In suburban Dallas, for example, a school district is being sued for prohibiting students from exchanging cards and candy canes with Christmas-specific messages at a winter holi-

'We're just sick and tired of all this criticism of all these foundational things that's made America a great country," said Jordan Lorence, senior counsel for the Alliance Detians aren't always the plaintiffs in such law-

Michael Newdow, a California man who complains that the inclusion of the words 'under God" in the pledge of allegiance violate his 10-year-old daughter's right to religious

freedom, is going back to court.

Other culture battles in the schools involve what children should be learning about sex. Texans, for example, squabbled recently over how textbooks should define marriage,

and whether books used in health classes should mention condoms or contraception as an option for sexually active teenagers.

In both cases, conservatives won the day,

Textbooks in use in public schools in Texas ex plicitly define marriage as between a man and a woman. And they present only one option for avoiding pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases — abstinence. diseases -

Meanwhile, the argument over the teaching of evolution, which has been raging since be-fore William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow faced off in the famous Scopes trial in Tennessee nearly 80 years ago, shows no signs

of abating. In Georgia's Cobb County, a campaign by parents convinced the school board to require a warning sticker on biology textbooks stating that "evolution is a theory, not a fact" and imploring students to consider the books' con-

tents "with an open mind."
The ACLU sued, and a court ordered the stickers removed.





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Bread firms bite back after low-carb craze

BY DAVID SHARP The Associated Press

Maine PORTLAND, Low-carb bread? That's so 2004. The bread industry, hoping for a comeback after last year's low-carb fad, is telling consumers bread is good for them — especially whole-grain bread.

Bread makers learned from the low-carb craze that they need to market themselves better. So, three weeks after new govern-ment guidelines calling for three one-ounce servings of whole grains a day, the industry is starting a campaign touting health ben-Industry officials say the trend

is in their favor.
"There was an all-out assault on

our industry, but people are com-ing back to bread and are realizing why they loved it in the first place," said Lee Schwebel of Schwebel Baking Co. in Young-

stown, Ohio. "Try making a pea nut butter and jelly sandwich without bread. On Tuesday, the industry will launch a low-carb counterattack

pointing to benefits of grains as part of an overall diet. The \$3.5 million Grains for Life campaign will be announced in New York and Washington with billboards, posters and people dancing in bread costumes

The message we're trying to get out is it's the calories, not the carbs." said Lori Sachau of the Wheat Foods Council in Colorado.

Critics contend it was predict-able that fickle Americans would eventually tire of the latest diet, but bread industry officials were surprised at how quickly low-carb ned to fall out of favor.

A survey by NPD Group, an independent marketing information company, found the number of American adults on any low-carb diet peaked at 9.1 percent last February and dropped to 3.6 percent by mid-November

"The path low-carb has taken is not unlike a lot of other stuff ex-cept that it burst so fast. It went up very fast. Sometimes when things go up fast, they come down just as fast," said Stan Osman of Interfast," said Stan Osman of Inter-state Bakeries Corp., maker of Wonder Bread and Twinkies. maker of

But that's not to say the nation is about to see a bread boom.

Bread sales were flat even be-fore the obsession with the Atkins, South Beach and other carb-limiting diets, and the industry can't make up for the lost ground over

While bread is still a staple for most Americans, they're not eat-ing it as often as they used to, causing a slow decline that has been off-

set only by a growing population. In Portland, Stephen Lanzalotta opened his Italian bakery in 2000 with bread accounting for about 80 percent of sales. Business dipped in part because of low-carb diets, and bread now accounts for 20 percent of sales.

Lanzalotta stayed in business by boosting his offerings of sandwiches and pastries and expanding his menu with breakfast and Sunday

Overall, the shift away from low-carb is drawing people back not just to bread but to other products that took a hit, like orange juice, cereals, potatoes, bagels and pasta, said Joel Crowder of grocer Kroger Co. in Cincinnati. Meanwhile, many consumers

have given up on low-carb breads and pasta.

"There were a lot of low-carb products that were rushed to the market that didn't taste good," Crowder said. "That's probably what turned a lot of consumers

Black leaders tire of February spotlight



Nell Irvin Painter, a Princeton scholar, no longer accepts invitations to events pegged to Black History Month. Many top speakers have grown weary of being in high demand for a just few weeks during Black History Month, and then otherwise ignored.

Many now consider Black History Month to be patronizing, seek attention all year

BY ERIN TEXEIRA

The only black county commissioner in Dallas, John Wiley Price spoke Monday to 100 mostly black middle school students about history, responsibility and their futures. If he had been invited the follow-

ing day — Feb. 1 — he would have refused.

That's not because of a scheduling conflict. Price no longer makes public appearances during Black History Month. Like some other top speakers, Price has grown weary of being in high demand for just a weeks and then often ignored

"I'm not going to be, as the kids say, 'pimped' dur-

ing the month of February," Price said.

A few years ago, Price said, he was inundated with speaking requests. Then he realized that "black peospeaking requests. Then he realized that "black peo-ple were visible during February, but the other 11 months of the year we became the invisible people." He isn't a lone rebel: Twenty-nine years after Black History Month was officially designated by

the federal government, something of a backlash has begun. Though February is still an exhilarating time for many high-profile black Americans, whose research and life experiences are celebrated, others see it as

overwhelming, even debilitating.
They grow bleary-eyed, traveling almost daily, giving keynote addresses, participating in symposiums and moderating panels. And their physical exhaustion highlights an unsavory reality: Come March 1, public interest in them and their work plummets

"Black history being confined to that month is more aggravating than ameliorating," said Larry Aubry, a columnist with the Los Angeles Sentinel, a black weekly, who worked on the Los Angeles Coun-ty Human Relations Commission for 34 years. "There's no commitment there. I'm looking for more in the full 12 months."

more in the full 12 months.
Black History Month has roots in historian Carter
G. Woodson's Negro History Week, which he desig-nated in 1926 as the second week in February to mark the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abra-

tion for the Study of African American Life and History, said he hoped the week could one day be elimi-nated — when black history would become fundamental to American history.

Now his idea has been expanded to include all of February, a month when there are seemingly non-stop television programs, art exhibits, films, historical tours, new books and public lectures

Attendance at black museums and historical sites also mushrooms, and even the list of events with no historical tie appears to be growing. For instance, the Baltimore County public schools

will participate in National African American Parent Involvement Day on Feb. 14. That day, the University of Akron in Ohio has planned a public dialogue titled "Brothers Talking to Brothers: Let's Talk — Relationships with Black Women."

"An industry has grown up around [Black History Month] which is really quite fascinating," said Nell Irvin Painter, a Princeton historian. "It became a corporate holiday, a way for corporations and muse-ums and the U.S. postal service to declare they're multicultural bona fide."

Painter no longer accepts invitations to events pegged to the month, however, because they typically come from groups that "want to hear the same old

Still, despite their misgivings about Black History Month, Painter and others think it should continue. The reason: They believe black history would be-come even more marginalized without it.

"I can't tell you how important it was for me, growing up, to hear from people who looked like me about their successes, their aspirations, their trials and things they were able to overcome," said Carolyn McKinstry, who was in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., when it was bombed by the Ku Klux Klan in 1963, killing four young girls.

Though McKinstry has declined at least a dozen speaking invitations for this month, she has agreed to a few, events where "the message will be needed and will make more of an impact on listeners," she said.

School relocated to serve as black education museum

By LINDA MCNATT The Virginian-Pilot (Norfolk, Va.)

SMITHFIELD, Va. — Lights flashed and police sirens wailed. Icy rain fell from the sky and pummeled the earth. And little children standing at the front of a church along Main Street cheered and waved. Thursday was a big day in this small town on the Pagan River - the historic, one-room schoolhouse was moving in on a flatbed truck.

But not all the hoopla was due to the school. Between 9:30 and 10 a.m., with the procession still several miles away, a bomb threat was called in to the post office on Main Street in downtown Smithfield.

Police responded by blocking off the street and sending in offic-ers to investigate. It turned out to be a prank, and everything was cleared up before the schoolhouse arrived

Relocating the school to a spot on Main Street and turning it into a history museum of black educa tion is the town's Jamestown 2007

The building is a Rosenwald School, a top preservation priority for the state and the National

Trust for Historic Preservation. Rosenwald Schools were built

across the South between 1912 and 1932, financed by Julius Rosenwald, a self-made million aire, high school dropout and CEO of Sears, Roebuck and Co. Rosenwald provided grants to build more than 5,000 rural schools for young blacks.

The Christian Home School was built in a southern corner of Isle of Wight County in 1924. Until the early 1950s, it was a where children learned their ABCs, arithmetic and lan-

Members of the Christian Home Baptist Church on Longview Drive, near the Suffolk line, gathered to bid the school farewell. The Rev. Wendell Waller gave the building a final blessing, said a prayer and read a psalm.

There were even a few former students standing in the rain.

Bill Somerset, a retired teacher who has served on the committee in charge of moving the school and restoring it on its new lot, led the trailer, waving a bright orange caution flag from the window of his tan Buick.

At 10:30 a.m., the school ar-

The schoolhouse committee is collecting desks of the era. They have a stove. They're doing an oral history. Museum visitors will get to see and hear former students re call their years of learning.

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Super Bowl torture for gambling addicts

BY JOHN CURRAN

The Associated Press

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. One by one, they filed in for a Tuesday night meeting of Gamblers Anonymous.

One man wore an Eagles sweat shirt. One remembered the Super Bowl Sunday he spent baby-sitting his granddaughter, only to find himself with an uncontrollable urge to bet \$10.000 on the game, 10 years

after his last bet. Then there was the newcomer, facing his first Super Bowl since he quit a lifelong addiction in which he bet up to \$12,000 a game on the NFL.

"It's a tough week," he told the gathering. "It's the trifecta: We've got football, the

Super Bowl and my favorite team playing. For gambling addicts like these, the Super Bowl is anything but super. The buildup to Sunday can be even worse: It is a time to relive bad memories, to fight gnawing temptations, to avoid thinking

For those in Philly and New England, it the worst time of the year recovery from sports betting," said Mar-lene Warner, program director of the Mas-

sachusetts Council on Compulsive Gam-

bling. "In particular, the media's hyping

the Super Bowl, saying it's a dynasty here

about the event everyone seems to be talk-

That's a difficult proposition, especially here — in a southern New Jersey communi-ty awash in Philadelphia Eagles fever. There are "Go Eagles" signs on cars, grocery store circulars advertising Super Bowl snacks and seemingly nonstop coverage of Terrell Owens' injury on radio and TV.

'They just have to ignore it, and it's really difficult in this area because of all the hype about the Eagles," said Harvey Fogel, a compulsive gambling counselor

The same is true in New England, where Patriots fans are immersed in the team's

hunt for a third NFL title in four years. The game also is the subject of advertising, news media coverage, office pools and watercooler talk about the Patriots, who are favored by a touchdown to beat the Eagles. in New England and the Patriots are favored to win

"It's kind of a 'We can't lose' attitude and I'm sure that's sending signals to people that it's a sure bet, that if you're going to bet, this is the time to do it. That starts thinking in people like, 'Well, maybe this one time, I can do it,' "Warner said.

To recovering gamblers whose passion was sports betting, the Super Bowl means super temptation.

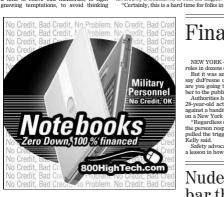
It is an opportunity to salvage a losing season, a chance to erase debts with one big victory - lots of chances, in fact: There are dozens of possible bets, including who wins the coin toss, whether the game's first

punt will hit the ground or be caught clean-ly and whether the reigning champs' point total will be an even number or an odd one.

Nevada snorts books anticipate taking up to \$100 million in legal bets on Sunday's game. Millions more dollars are expected to be wagered on the Internet.

"There's a romanticism to it," said one recovering sports bettor, a 41-year-old man from New England who asked that his name not be used. "You want to hear every nuance, every detail, every injury report. It's a whole thing. You're romantically connected to the sport and to the players

And come Monday, the 1-800-GAM-BLER helpline run by the New Jersey Council on Compulsive Gambling expects to see its annual spike, with bottomed-out gamblers seeking help. Typically, the lines see a 50 percent increase in calls in the week after the game, according to Ed Weed, who runs it.



Final words hold tragic lesson

NEW YORK - As an actress, Nicole duFresne had roles in dozens of way-off-Broadway productions. But it was an unfortunate real-life line witness

say duFresne uttered before her slaving — "What are you going to do, shoot us?" - that has brought her to the public's attention.

Authorities have refused to speculate whether the 28-year-old actress and playwright's defiant stand against a bandit prompted him to shoot her to death on a New York City street.

"Regardless of what the victim said or did not say. the person responsible for her death is the one who pulled the trigger," Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said

Safety advocates however have cited the case as a lesson in how not to respond to a holdup.

On Wednesday, the Washington-based National Crime Prevention Council responded to widespread reports about duFresne's last

words by circulating a list of tips on how to survive a mug-"It demonstrates that confront-

ing an attacker is probably the worst thing you can do,"

council spokesman Todd Post.
On its tip sheet, the crime prevention council advises potential victims to stay cool and comply with robbers. At the same time, people should take mental notes on what the assail-

ant looks like so they can provide a detailed description to police, the sheet says.



BY DIRK LAMMERS The Associated Press

SALEM, S.D. - The mix of nude dancers, orange juice and black-and-white independent films wasn't in Bob Rieger's original business plan.

But it has belined his Racehors. es Gentlemen's Club survive amid the cornfields of South Dakota and fend off a two-year barrage of challenges from politicians and a small group of outraged locals.

"I've been to court with them four times, and I beat them every time," Rieger says.

When the county denied Rieger a liquor license for a bar, he opened a strip club with a juice bar in 2003. When it served a stop order saying a commercial business could not operate in area zoned for agriculture, Rieger went to court and won.

And when 74 percent of the county's voters passed an anti-nudity ordinance in June, Rieger found a loophole that exempted movie theaters. After a two-week



Racehorses Gentlemen's Club and Adult Movie Theatre is shown Friday in Salem, S.D. Owner Bob Rieger has continued to offer nude dancing at the club despite a barrage of legal challenges.

hiatus, the club re-emerged as Racehorses Gentlemen's Club and Adult Movie Theatre and has been operating ever since

Now the county is drawing up a new ordinance that would require his dancers to wear pasties and G-strings. And a state senator plans to push for a similar state

McCook County State's Attor-ney Roger Gerlach says the proposed ordinance is not an attempt to put Rieger out of business: "As long as they have some opaque clothing over the crucial parts of the human body, they can dance all they want."

In the meantime, customers continue paying \$10 — officially an all-day movie ticket — to watch strippers dance. Patrons can sit next to the stage or get a private dance in a small room off to the side. They also can grab a stool at the juice bar and order a \$3 drink.

15-member The Against Nude Juicebars and Pornography has organized protests outside the club and filmed patrons in the parking lot to discourage them from entering.

There's a line between right and wrong," said co-founder Max-ine Pulse. "And it seems like anymore nowadays that line has got all jumbled up



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Sunday Horoscope

tached and cool placement for this hotheaded planet. It's not wise to rush forward to battle without a strategy, and Mars in Capricorn helps evolve ingenious plans. In the weeks to come, employ classic approaches to obtain your goals. Respect the hierar-**Holiday Mathis** chy of organizations, and that hierarchy will respect

VOL TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(February 6). There's no mountain high enough, no river wide enough to keep you from your ambition this year. By clinging to the spirit of determination, you make a lifestyle change this month. Money comes

from a new source as a result. In May, a battle of some kind is over, and you can take your victory trophy home. Romance signs are Leo and Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're feeling grounded and attract-

ed to anyone confident enough to drop all pretension. Even the Rockefellers of the world are hailing cabs, so anyone playing high and mighty doesn't have a chance with

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

The Beatles wrote it, and you believe it: "All you need is love love is all you need." Now, if you could only convince that certain someone who keeps nagging you for money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Everything is fine except for the sneaking suspicion you're becoming indistinct - just another face in the crowd. What will you do to set yourself apart this time? Something custom made just for you will do the trick. Splurge.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

People around you are getting too confusing and frankly a little more riled up than the situation calls for The winning idea is also a simple one. Step back, and get an objective look at things before giving an opinion

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not your job to fix the world, as much as you'd like to help. Besides, if you're neglecting your own needs

you're really no help at all! Balance your philanthropy with thorough and attentive self-care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Delegating is always hard for you because nobody does it quite like

vou can. But today, it will be downright impossible, so don't even try. Wake up early, stay up late, and fall in

love with the do-it-vourself process

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). You'll be welcomed into someone's home or taken into someone's confidence. It's so interesting to observe first hand how others are living! Be aware that you are a

trusted individual, and do nothing to compromise that trust.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

People who are overly emotional drive you nuts. That's why when you're hit with a surge of intense feeling this afternoon, it's particular ly unnerving. Just know that the world will be compassionate - you don't have to hold back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You make a correct choice and ding-ding-ding - the big winner's bell goes off! Confetti falls from the sky! Well, not really, but there's nothing like the feeling of certainty you get from being right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan

19). You're probably not giving yourself due credit. When you feel you haven't done enough, perhaps the thing to do is ask around. Parents or older relatives can be a fine gauge of your progress. Make the phone call

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

It's one thing to be attracted to what's shiny and new, and quite another to be rendered helpless by the attraction. Be strong now. Don't be like the moth that beats itself against the light bulb

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Energy comes from being near the hub of the action. Go where the inspiration is thick. You'll know you're getting something important out of the experience when your thoughts are so loud you can't hear your mouth.

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Gang of 'cawdies' imitate cadets

I read that "caddie" comes from "cadet," and I would like to know more about the history of the word. Is there a connection be-tween the military "cadet" and a golf "caddie"

When the English adopted the French word "cadet" in the 17th century, they used it the way the French did - both for a "younger son" and for a young gentleman in training for military service (since these were generally "younger sons," in need of a career).

The Scots, pronouncing "cadet" somewhat in the French way, "CAH-day," but spelling it "cawde," "cadee," "cadee," of addie," also began using the word in the mid-17th century to refer to a military trainee.

In 18th-century Scotland a gang of young street people banded to gether under the leadership of the "Constable of the Cawdies." It is supposed they took their name, and to some degree ran their organization in imitation of the more respectable "caddies" in military service. Despite their unseemly ap pearance, they were actually on the lookout for whatever kind of employment came their way odd jobs of any sort. As a result, in Scottish English "caddie" eventually came to mean "a person who waits about for odd jobs.

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Daughter's murder request should raise red flags for dad

Dear Abby: What do you think of a very intelligent 151/2-year-old girl, a straight-A student, who asks her noncustodial father to kill her mother's boyfriend which the father, of course, will not do? This girl is not a gang

member or on drugs. How do you justify this kind of thinking in a teenage girl, and how do you reconcile the fact that she claims to love her father while asking him to kill somebody for

- Concerned in Nevada Dear Concerned: Either the girl has serious emotional problems,

or she's having serious problems with her moth er's boyfriend. I would not ques tion the girl's love for her father, but I would urge him to intervene and see that his daughter receives the help she obviously needs, including assuring that she's out of reach of the boyfriend. She could have been emotionally abused or molested hy him

Dear Abby: My daughter, "Lisa." is 18 and a freshman in college, and has a part-time job in a local clothing store where she receives a 15-percent employee discount. I work in a beauty salon nearby, which allows me to see Lisa during her frequent visits to

One of my co-workers, "Franhas on numerous occasions cornered my daughter and asked her to buy things for her, using her employee benefit. This is strictly against store policy. When

Dear Abby

Francine asks me if Lisa is working on any given day, I ask her why, and she answers, "She's supposed to let me know when 'whatever' goes on sale." It's not the truth. If I confront Francine. it will cause tension,

which will result in Lisa's visits being less frequent. With our busy schedules, it's the only time I get to see her some days. Is this some thing I should stay out

of, or should I play "rescue mom' and get it over with? This has been going on for a few months now, and enough already! It's tacky and rude. Francine is a co-worker, not a friend. How should this be handled? - Furious in Las Vegas

Dear Furious: Your daughter should not be risking her job so that Francine can get a good deal. I knew a personable and kind-hearted young man who was fired for doing what your daughter has been doing.

Have a talk with Lisa, and tell her that the next time Francine approaches her, she should tell the woman that she cannot do it

and she doesn't want to lose her iob. It's the truth, and she shouldn't feel guilty for saying it. She's being taken advantage of. If Lisa is afraid to speak up, do it

Dear Abby: I made the mistake of putting out a candy dish at work for clients who might stop in. One of my co-workers consistently takes candy — usually more than all the clients combined and she's not even supposed to be eating sugar! Recently, my fiance and I decided to start saving for a house. We are on a tight budget so I stopped putting out candy. My co-worker continually asks where er "treats" are.

I have told her we're trying to

save for a house, and her reply was, "Oh, you poor baby. You should put out a collection jar for donations." I don't feel I should ask clients for donations, especially since she's the one taking all the candy. Please advise me how to respond politely to her. I am out — Confidential in Marvland

Dear Confidential: The next time your co-worker asks where her treats are, smile sweetly and tell her, "The concession is closed.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

Promise of stepdaughter's departure taken off the table

Dear Annie: Two years ago, I met a man with a 16-year-old daughter, "Josie." At the time my son was 13. "Bob" proposed after we had known each other about a year, and he and Josie moved in with us a few months

before we were to marry.

Not long after, I had to tell Bob that I couldn't marry him because of his daughter. Josie is pompous, spoiled, sarcastic and self-absorbed (her dad agrees). Bob said if Josie was still a problem after we married, he would send her to live with her mother across town. I accepted those terms, and we married. A few months ago, I

suggested it was time for Josie to live with her mother, as he had originally offered. However, Bob now claims he cannot recall our conversation and that I must be

I am furious with Bob. He refuses to have Josie move out and I feel he manipulated me into this mess. My health is suffering, and I don't want my son in this turbulent situation. What should I do?

Trusting Your Judgment Dear Trusting: Yes, Bob manip-ulated you. He should not have made any promises he was unwilling to keep.

Josie should be 18 by now. If

she is planning to attend college, we strongly recommend you check out the dorms. If she is not going to continue her education, she should get a job and pay rent on her own apartment. If Bob refuses to encourage Josie to move out insist on counseling so he understands what is at stake.

Annie's Mailbox Dear Annie: 1



laughed out loud when I read the responses you printed several months ago to the question, "When are you going to have kids? As a young mother of four, I often am asked,

"When are you going to STOP having kids?" I know we live in a society where American families have an average of 2.2 kids, but my husband and I dearly love all our children

and work hard to raise them right. We think of each one as a blessing I would love to have some witty remarks to use when neople ask us that rude question.

- Mama of Four, San Francisco Bay Area Dear Mama of Four: As long as you can support them, you are

entitled to have as many children as you want. However, since our readers enjoy putting in their two cents' worth, we will print the best responses to your

Dear Annie: I am 21 years old. My grandfather helped me find a wonderful job in his state, so I moved in with him. My grandma died about six months ago, so I felt I would be helping Grandpa out, and moving up the career ladder in the process

Although I love Grandpa and am extremely grateful for his help, he is very stubborn. He absolutely will not take any of my money to help with rent or other expenses.

Grandpa is in good health and is retired. I know he loves having me here, but he is hard to live with. The place is never heated or air-conditioned to my liking, and I don't feel comfortable doing anything without his per mission. Also, what happens if I invite a guy over? I really want my own place, but I worry about leaving Grandpa alone with no one but his dog for company.

— Unsure in Wyoming

Dear Unsure: Dogs make great companions, and if you promise to stop by Grandpa's often and call daily to check up on him, we think you should go ahead and find your own place. Don't let guilt push you into doing some thing you resent.

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RELIGION

Praying for a big win

Does God care about the Super Bowl?

BY JIM KEMSEN Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — When Bishop Alden A. Gaines withdrew to his prayer closet two weekends ago, his spiritual wings began flapping hard — for his beloved Philadelphia Eagles. "O, God, let them win this time," Gaines prayed. "So many people will be

disappointed if they don't win this

A man of the cloth thinks it's OK to pray for victory in a mere football game, even if it is the Super Bowl? "Of course it's OK. You can provide the course it's OK. You can provide the course it's OK. You can provide the course it's office of the course of

Before Birds fans begin bombarding heaven's gate with pleas for a W, they should know that not all clergy would cheer.

"I steer away from the victory theme," said the Rev. J. David Hoke, the Eagles' team chaplain, who runs a chapel service for players and coaches every game day.

"It's great to pray for God's

blessing and favor, but I don't think God is rooting for a particular team," said Hoke, a Southern Baptist who pastors New Horizons Community Church in Voorhees, N.J. "He's interested in the players and their welfare and their lives, not in who wins the Super Bowl." Scoreboard prayers, however tempting, are a bit out of bounds,

others agreed.

"We should reserve our prayers for serious things," said Rabbi Lisa Malik, head of Suburban Jewish Community Cen-

Rabbi Lisa Malik, head of Suburban Jewish Community Center-Brial Aaron, a Conservative synagogue in Havertown, Pa. A

win this time.

Alden A. Gaines

Consolation Baptist Church in South Philadelphia

victory prayer does not appear to violate Jewish law, she said, but it risks "bothering God" and "trivializing a blessing."

Prayers in Philadelphia for an Eagles win aren't "going to coerce God, because probably there's someone up in New England praying for the Patriots and what, do they cancel each other out?" said Camden Catholic Bishop Joseph Galante. Partisan pleas demean God by making him "a marionette master pulling strings."

Galante, a major Eagles fan, sported a Donovan McNabb jersey at a diocesan pep rally before the Falcons game. He led a prayer that beseeched the Virgin Mary, who is "victorious" in heaven, to protect the Eagles "on the field and off, and help them to use their talents, both physical and intellectual, to the best of their ability, so that they may experience victory, too."

His pep prayer was based on the belief that any gridiron triumph would result from human effort, not divine intervention, Galante said in an interview.

"If you use your God-given talents to the best of your ability, your chances of winning are greatly increased. God gives us abilities and doesn't ordinarily intervene in human affairs like a sporting contest."

The Rev. C. Matthew Hudson, pastor of St. Paul's Baptist Church in North Philadelphia, said God's mission is about love and "doesn't have anything to do with competition."

"Some things don't reach the throne of God, but bring comfort to our own people," he said. "If you pray for victory, those are just words you're saying... that don't even reach heaven because they have nothing to do with helping people."

Nelson Dorny, a Mormon bishop, leads youth groups at the Delaware County, Pa., church that Eagles coach Andy Reid and his family attend.

Dorny advises his charges that it's OK "to pray that you or your team may play to its ability and not have injuries."



AP

A pair of Super Bowl XXXIX tickets are displayed last week in Jackson ville, Fla. Sunday's game features the Philadelphia Eagles against the New England Patriots. Some fans are praying on the game's outcome.

To pray for a W, though, "is like two children asking their father, 'Let me be the winner,' "Domy said. Just as parents don't want to show favoritism, "I find God is an impartial and fair father who

wants best for all of us."

Scripture teaches that God
"will respond to our prayers if

they are appropriate, and intervenes in certain situations," Dorny said.

If one team has been winning

too much, God might intervene "because they need to learn something. I suppose that's possible," he said.

"But if I were a betting man, I'm not sure I'd bet on it."

Innovative churches find success in franchising locations

BY PATRICK KAMPERT

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Scott and Michelle

CHICAGO — Scott and Michelle Knollenberg of Plainfield, Ill., can spend their Sundays letting national chains cater to their every need — physical, material and, now, spiritual. They can grab an Egg McMuffin at Mc-

They can grat an a logg incumulin at Nic-Donald's, a stylish lamp at Target, towels at Bed Bath & Beyond and a double tall nonfat mocha at Starbucks. But Sunday's highlight is the church service prepared by Naperville, Ill., pastor Dave Ferguson and his national staff, which will be virtually identical in music, sermon, videos and skits at 10 locations throughout the country.

The Knollenbergs are members of Comnunity Christian Church, which has Chicago-area sites in Naperville, Shorewood, Romeoville and Montgomery. Nationally, the network started by Ferguson and his brother Jon also has churches in Denver, Detroit, New York and Bakersfield, Calif.

In the business world, they call this kind of thing franchising. In evangelicalism, it's known as the multisite church, and it is a growing trend with a similar aim: providing consistent quality and service wherever you go.

Dave Ferguson, co-founder and lead pastor of Community Christian, said his church was one of about 10 nationally that were taking a multisite approach in 1998. Six years later, upward of 1,000 churches have embraced the movement.

In the Chicago area, Willow Creek Com-



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Justin, left, and Colleen Wozniak of Aurora, Ill., enjoy their blended drinks as they sit in Community Christian Church's site in Naperville, Ill. Katle Roseen runs a coffee shop serving beverages that parishioners are welcome to bring into church services with them.

munity Church, New Life Community Church and Harvest Bible Chapel are among the institutions whose growth has spurred them to find new ways to accommodate the crowds that flock to their weekend services. That usually means satellite campuses that are 10, 20 or 30 miles away from their main location.

Community Christian and Willow Creek

are geared to spiritual seckers in their weekend services. They put a priority on delivering a highly professional presentation to audiences that have grown up with 16-screen cineplexes, big-budget musicals and elaborate concerts. So when Willow Creek hired Colorado negachurch pastor Jim Tomberlin to spearhead its expansion to satellite campuses, he knew the

far-flung locations couldn't skimp on the reputation that the South Barrington, Ill., church has developed.

"We've done surveys in the past, and who was people what the ideal church size is, they'll say about 200," Tomberlin said. "But when you ask them what they want from a church, they describe a church of 2,000 — great preaching, great youth and children's programs, a pastor who's available to them.

"There's a sense that small is more intimate, and it's true," he added. "I believe these [satellites] allow us to do both."

The services that the Knollenbergs attend emerge from video and phone conferences that the church staff has every Tuesday.

Each church staff has 10 days to tweak the service to fit the needs and context of its parishioners. A similar approach is used at Chicago-based New Life church with its five locations. "We all do the same message, but it will

sound and feel a little different at each location just because of the multicultural aspect," said New Life pastor Mark Jobe. Occasionally, the New Life churches

Occasionally, the New Life churches gather for a single service, something Jobe cherishes.

"You'll have a young white professional who works at a tech company downtown sitting beside a first-generation immigrant Mexican who speaks very little English," he said. "But they're part of the same church and the same vision and connected to each other."

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Cold deters crime

WE WATERVILLE — The nose-numbing cold that put Maine in the deep-freeze for much of January was enough to keep many Mainers in the warmth of their homes.

It also keeps crime rates down, law enforcement officials say.

In fact, crime rates generally go up and

down in tandem
with the rise and fall of outdoor
temperatures, according to Maine
Department of Public Safety statistics

February is usually the month with the lowest crime rate in Maine, while July and August have the highest crime rates, according to Department of Public Safety statistics.

In 2003, Maine recorded 2,104 serious crimes in February and 3,387 crimes in July, a 61 percent increase over the span.

Steven Giorgetti, assistant professor of criminal justice at Thomas College, said criminals tend to be aware of their surroundings. "They're aware they may be

"They're aware they may be leaving tracks in the snow that police can follow," he said. "And they're aware it's harder to escape on a slippery winter surface. They can't run and they can't drive very fast, either."

911 for directions

MONROE — Jerry Wayne Till managed to get away from sheriff's deputies and elude them briefly — until he called them for help after he got lost in the woods

A sheriff's deputy tried to pull over Till on Wednesday evening for speeding, but Till drove away, exceeding 100 mph at times, before eventually abandoning his vehicle and running into the woods, according to the arrest affidavit.

Deputies brought in search dogs, but couldn't locate Till until he called the sheriff's office from his cell phone asking for help because he was lost.

Taxes are no ioke

MIDDLETOWN — Taxes are no laughing matter.
The city's tax superintendent has been suspended without pay for a week for trying to inject some humor in the city income tax filing

instructions.
The attempt at humor by Linda
Stubbs was called "misguided" by
city Finance Director John Lyons.
The forms — with such lines as,
"If we get the it is used."

The forms — with such lines as, "If we can tax it, we will," — were sent to all Middletown businesses and residents who pay city income tax.

City officials didn't laugh at lines like: "Free advice: if you don't have a profit in a five-year period, you might want to consider another line of work."

Falling real estate

DALLAS — Back yards in a half-dozen houses surrounding an Irving lake have dropped about six feet, collapsing decks and toppling fences.

An area about 50 yards long and 10 yards wide collapsed about midnight Tuesday, dropping back yards along the southern banks of the 130-acre Vilbig Lake on the south side of the Dallas suburb of Irving

"It's like it imploded from under-

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neath," said Teresa Castro, staring out at the roughly 5-foot drop about 6 feet from her home's foundation. "It's unusual. I've never seen anything like it."

No one said they heard anything to indicate anything was wrong. Area resident Jim Ferguson lost his 16-by-16-foot wood deck and several birdhouses he had up on poles.

"The dog was out, but he apparently had enough sense to stay out."

Online beyond the grave?

CHARLESTON — The recording industry sued Gertrude Walton, accusing her of illegally trading music over the Internet as "smittenedkitten."

But the lawsuit was filed more than a month after the 83-year-old woman died in December, and her daughter says Walton hated computers, anyway.

A group of record companies named Walton as the sole defendant in a federal lawsuit, claiming she made more than 700 songs available for free on the Internet. Walton's daughter, Robin

Chianumba, lived with her mother for the last 17 years and said her mother objected to having a computer in the house.

"I am pretty sure she is not going to leave Greenwood Memorial Park (where she is buried) to attend the hearing," Chianumba

Grading gripe

LAS VEGAS — Bob Whitney isn't willing to accept a B-minus.

He's suing the University of Ne-

vada, Las Vegas after losing an appeal over the grade.

Bob Whitney, 52, alleges in the lawsuit that a history professor dis-



Capitol reflections

The State Capitol in Madison, Wis., is reflected in a puddle on State

criminated against him because of his conservative values. He seeks at least \$10,000 for emotional duvess, tuition, books and living expenses University officials say the complaint filed Jan. 12 in Clark County District Court has no

Whitney said the grade he got in Eugene Mochring's class in spring 2004 damaged his grade-point average and made him ineligible for student loans. He claimed Mochring's fast-paced lectures prevented him from taking complete notes, and Mochring criticized his conservatism in written assignments.

Twin creates quandary

MA BOSTON — For the second time in seven months, jurors deadlocked in the case of a man accused of rape after hearing that DNA found at the scene could have come from his twin brother.

The same thing happened in Darrin Fernandez's first trial last June. However, he was convicted on similar evidence in an unrelated rape case in 2003.

On Monday, a Suffolk Superior Court jury told Judge Thomas E. Connolly it could not reach a verdict after deliberating about 20 hours over five days. Fernandez is accused of breaking into a young woman's apartment in Dorchester in 2001 and raping her.

Budget crunch

DENVER — This year was supposed to be different at the Colorado Capitol.

After winning control of the House and Senate for the first time in 42 years, Democrats were promising friendly collaboration, open doors and a renewed dedication to solving the state's budget crunch. Instead, things have been ugly from the start.

On the first day of the session, Republican Sen. Norma Anderson broke tradition and voted against Democrat Joan Fitz-Gerald as Senate president. She said she was upset because Democrats had fired a popular clerk and wanted to show her displeasure

Democrats then angered Republicans by using Google to challenge facts cited by GOP Gov. Bill Owens during his state of the state speech that Colorado's economy is improving. Just this week Democrats killed the only GOP plan to fix the state's budget woes.

Republicans called a news conference Thursday to bemoan the decline in civility and wound up shouting accusations at Democrats who showed up to listen about the need to cooperate.

One-term limit

VA RICHMOND — For the 13th straight year, legislation to allow the Virginia governor the opportunity to serve two successive terms died Friday in the General Assembly.

Constitutional amendment to end the state's practice of barring governors from seeking re-election was defeated on a 5-15 vote in a House committee. While lots of states have term limits, Virginia is the only one to limit its governors to a single, four-year term.

Discouraged at the lopsided vote, the resolution's sponsor, Delegate Harry R. Purkey, withdrew four other similar measures for the year.



Fiery encounter

A firefighter battles a blaze at the California Apartments in Pleasantville,

N.J. The fire demolished a building but no injuries were reported.



Musical diversion Jon Van Arsdel warms up on the the guitarron in the Capitol Rotunda before performing in the House and Senate during the 2005 Legislative Session in Santa Fe, N.M. Van Arsdel is part of the University of New Mexico's Mariachi Lobo, a band made up of students, alumni and faculty from the school.



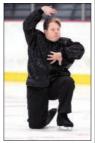
Mardi Gras fanfare Revelers from the Order of LaShe's parade along Royal Street in Mobile,
Ala. The pre-Lenten blowout continues along the Gulf Coast culminating in Fat Tuesday celebrations Feb. 8.



Balancing act James Robinson, a freshman from Dunleavy High School, enjoys the time spent at the skate park at Millennium Park in Danville, Ky. The rain puddles and cold weather didn't stop skateboarders doing what they do best.



 $Just\ hanging\ around\ \ ^{\text{Four-year-old Sydney Neusc, right,}}_{\text{pushes her sister, Katherine, in a}}$ tire swing at Wade Park in Paris, Texas.



The big finish Illinois Special Olympics Winter Games athlete Thomas M. Strack of Mt. Greenwood Park, Ill., reaches the finish of a portion of his level 3 Singles Figure Skating competition held at the Five Flags Center in Dubque, lows.



Majestic scenery Jon Crandall of Coram, Mont., paddles his canoe across Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park, Mont.

Tasers in schools

MN Julie Maidment is still doing the same job, protecting St. Paul, Minn., High-land Park High School as its school resource officer. She's still chatty and easy with a smile, more likely to talk kids away from trouble than

to talk kids away from trouble than to punish them. But if you look closer, you see it that small, bright yellow weapon on the left side of her equip-

ment belt. On Monday, Tasers made their first appearance in Minnesota schools on the belts of St. Paul officers. St. Paul police are putting Tas-

ers in the schools, not as a response to any problems but as part of their ongoing effort to train and equip all their officers with the weapon, said officer Paul Schnell, a department spokesman.

Police in schools from Arizona to North Carolina, Indiana to Florida, now carry Tasers on the job.

Endangered plant

MARSHALL—One of California's rarest plants was nearly wiped out of existence when county workers used heavy machinery to unclog a road-side drain in the species' sole habi-

The Baker's larkspur, a purplish plant that blooms April through May and grows up to 2 feet tall, is found in only one place in the world — near a road in western Marin County.

The damage followed heavy rains last October that pushed debris down a hillside and into the drain, flooding the road. Workers used a mechanical digger to clear the plug cut into the hillside at the exact spot where most of the Baker's larkspur grow.

In minutes, a population of 100 plants was reduced to five.

Members of the Marin Native Plant Society, Marin County Public Works Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state Department of Fish and Game met Tuesday to discuss the fate of the plant and how to better protect it.

Truck strikes teens

MA BOSTON — Four high school students were injured, two seriously, when they were hit by a pickup truck as they walked in front of West Roxbury High School on Friday, police said.

The incident occurred on the VFW Parkway around 7:30 a.m., according to state police Lt. Sharon Costin. WCVB-TV reported the teens were walking on the road when they were hit. The driver of the truck said he was distracted by his 2-year-old child before he hit the teens. The station did not identify the driver.

The victims were reportedly taken to Children's Hospital.

DNA for DUI

FORT WORTH — Some Tarrant County police departments have begun using search warrants, in some cases, to obtain blood to test suspected drunken drivers who refuse to take a breath test.

"We have to treat DWI as a seriouter crime," Sgt. Don Hanlon, supervisor of Fort Worth's traffic investigation unit, said of driving while intoxicated. "We've become accustomed to giving blood samples for DNA testing for violent

crime. This is just a continuation of that. It's evidence of a person's innocence or guilt."

He's alive!

RALEIGH, N.C. — A medical examiner studying a body in a morgue was startled when the man took a shallow breath.

breath.

Emergency medical technicians had declared 29-year-old Larry D. Green dead almost two hours earlier, after he was hit by a car.

Medical examiner J.B. Perdue was called to the accident scene Monday but did not examine Green then. Later, he was documenting Green's injuries when he noticed the man was breathing. Green, 29, was taken to Duke

University Medical Center in Durham, where he was in critical condition Wednesday.

Several members of the Franklin County emergency medical service have been suspended pending an investigation, said Darnell Batton, the county attorney.

Big money for mummy

CASPER, Wyo. — A man is offering \$10,000 for the Pedro Mountain Mummy, a tiny set of human remains that were found in Wyoming and have not been seen in public for 55 years.

John Adolfi, of Syracuse, N.Y., said he wants the mummy so it can undergo DNA testing, X-rays and magnetic resonance imaging.

Several photos and many descriptions of the artifact remain. In its seated position, the munmy stands 7 inches tall. If it were to stand up, it would only measure about 17 inches. Adolfi hypothesizes that modern

science would prove that Pedro was an adult at the time of his death — perhaps one of the "little people" spoken of in Arapaho and Shoshone tales.

Forget good behavior TALLAHASSEE — More

than 50 inmates face charges and 102 were transferred after a prison brawl in which one guard was stabbed and 11 others were beaten.

The melee at the Apalachee Correctional Institution in Sneads erupted on Monday when a convicted murderer who was being questioned about a homemade knife attacked a guard, authorities said. More guards were sent into the recreation yard, where some of the almost 200 prisoners began attacking them.

Famous voice in jeopardy

CONCORD — Doris "Granny D" Haddock, one of the nation's most relentless voices for campaign finance reform, has been silenced by a surgery that could cost her voice.

Haddock, who ran for the U.S. Senate last year and gained national attention by walking across the country to promote campaign finance reform, underwent surgery on her windpipe Thursday.

The 95-year-old Democrat used her well-known New England-tinged voice last year to run against Republican Sen. Judd Gregg, who defeated her 66 percent to 34 percent.

Burke said the surgery was to remove blockage from Haddock's windpipe.

Stories and photos from news wires

AFRTS Television Schedule								
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9:00	House of Mouse	(8:54) Movie *** "No Way	Movie "Right on Track" (2003.	Andromeda Dvlan helos fulfill	Headline News	PGA Golf FBR Open Third	Latin Lifestyles	Andromeda Dvlan helps fulfill
9:30	Animaniacs Nutrition song.	Out" (1987) Kevin Costner. Á Pentagon job leads a Navy offi-	Drama) Beverley Mitchell, Brie	a planet's destiny.	America's Black Forum	Round. From the Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale,	Urban Style	a planet's destiny.
10:00	Ed, Edd n Eddy Fillmore (El)	cer into a deadly game.	AFNews on Assignment	Headline News ESPNews	The Chris Matthews Show Navy/Marine Corps News	Ariz. (Taped)	Fantasy Camp Roker on the Road	Headline News ESPNews
11:00	Out There	Movie * * "Above the Rim"	Destinations	Judaina Amy "Into the Fire"	Big Story Weekend Edition		Radical Sabbatical	Judging Amy "Into the Fire"
11:30	Planet's Funniest Animals	(1994, Drama) Duane Martin, Leon. Turmoil clouds the life of	Ebert-Movies	,	With Rita Crosby		All-American Festivals	1 * * *
12:00 12:30	Nick News Special Edition Happy Days	a talented young athlete.	Headline News Air Force TV News	Movie * * "1st to Die" (2003, Suspense) Tracy Pollan, Gil	20/20	SportsCenter	The Suze Orman Show	Movie * * "1st to Die" (2003, Suspense) Tracy Pollan, Gil
13:00	Movie ★★5 "Honey, I Blew	(12:47) Movie *** "Big"	WWE Smackdown!	Bellows, Robert Patrick. Four	Fox and Friends	College Basketball Texas-El	Myth Busters "Buried Alive"	Bellows, Robert Patrick. Four
13:30	Up the Kid" (1992) Rick Mora- nis. Marcia Strassman.	(1988, Comedy) Tom Hanks. A 13-year-old boy is transformed		women join forces to bring a serial killer to justice.		Paso at Rice. (Live)	-	women join forces to bring a serial killer to justice.
14:00	Movie **** "Babe" (1995,	into a 35-year-old man.	Andromeda Dylan helps fulfill a planet's destiny	Scrubs "My Hero"	Fox and Friends		This Far by Faith: African- American Spiritual Journeys	Scrubs "My Hero"
15:00	Comedy-Drama) James	(2:47) Movie ** 5 "Mystery,	Road to the Super Bowl	Road to the Super Bowl	CBS News Sunday Morning	SportsCenter	Navy SEALs Training: BUD/s	Road to the Super Bowl
15:30	Cromwell, Magda Szubanski.	Alaska" (1999, Comedy-Dra- ma) Russell Crowe, Hank					Class 234	
16:00 16:30	Doug "Doug Gets It All" (EI) The Wild Thornberrys	Azaria, Mary McCormack.	Buck, Aikman & Collinsworth All Access	Buck, Aikman & Collinsworth All Access	Face the Nation	Sports Reporters SportsCenter	JAG "Lifeline"	Buck, Aikman & Collinsworth
17:00	The Fairly OddParents	11th Annual Screen Actors	Untold Stories of the Super	Untold Stories of the Super	Headline News	NFL Countdown	The Best Of	Untold Stories of the Super
17:30	Rugrats	Guild Awards (Taped)	Bowl (N)	Bowl (N)	Navy/Marine Corps News		Good Eats	Bowl (N)
18:00	Kratt Bros. Be the Creature Gelada haboons		Tony Hawk's Boom Boom HuckJam (N)	Tony Hawk's Boom Boom HuckJam (N)	Late Edition Primetime		My Wife and Kids King of the Hill	Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Huck lam (N)
18:30 19:00	America's Funniest Home	Movie * * "Shadrach" (1998.	Best Darn Super Bowl Road	Best Darn Super Bowl Road	1		Hope & Faith	Best Darn Super Bowl Road
19:30	Videos	Drama) Harvey Keitel, Andie MacDowell	Show Period	Show Period			All of Us "Spatial Profiling"	Show Period
20:00	Dinotopia Two brothers crash on a lost continent where di-	(:44) Movie * * "Stepmom"	Super Bowl XXXIX Pregame From ALLTEL Stadium in Jack-	Super Bowl XXXIX Pregame From ALLTEL Stadium in Jack-	FOX News	Super Bowl XXXIX Pregame From ALLTEL Stadium in Jack-	Last Comic Standing	Super Bowl XXXIX Pregame From ALLTEL Stadium in Jack-
20:30	nosaurs and humans live to-	(1998, Drama) Julia Roberts,	sonville, Fla. (Live)	sonville, Fla. (Live)	FOX News	sonville, Fla. (Live)	NCIS 'Dead Man Talking'	sonville, Fla. (Live)
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22:00	The Cosby Show Home Improvement	lover's children accept her.			Meet the Press		Friends Seinfeld "The Fire"	
23:00	Touched by an Angel 'Black	Movie **s "Mumford" (1999)			FNS with Chris Wallace		MadTV	
23:30	Like Monica"	Loren Dean, Hope Davis.						
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1:00	Kratt Bros. Be the Creature	(:04) Movie *** "Forget	vs. Philadelphia Eagles. The Patriots look for their third title	vs. Philadelphia Eagles. The Patriots look for their third title	People in the News	vs. Philadelphia Eagles. The Patriots look for their third title	Hope & Faith	vs. Philadelphia Eagles. The Patriots look for their third title
1:30	Gelada baboons.	Paris" (1995) Billy Crystal. A man tells his fiancee about his	in four years while the Eagles	in four years while the Eagles		in four years while the Eagles	All of Us "Spatial Profiling"	in four years while the Eagles
2:00	America's Funniest Home Videos	friends' stormy marriage.	appear in the Super Bowl for the first time since 1981. From	appear in the Super Bowl for the first time since 1981. From	This Week	appear in the Super Bowl for the first time since 1981. From	Last Comic Standing	appear in the Super Bowl for the first time since 1981. From
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5:00	Sesame Street (EI)	(1998, Drama) Julia Roberts,	Meet the Press	Access Hollywood	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Breathingspace Yoga	Access Hollywood
5:30	,	Susan Sarandon, Ed Harris. A woman tries hard to make her		(:25) Guiding Light			Caribbean Workout	(:25) Guiding Light
6:00	Barney & Friends (EI) Blue's Clues (EI)	lover's children accept her.	Headline News ESPNews	(:13) General Hospital	Larry King Live	NFL PrimeTime	Body Shaping TIPical Mary Ellen	(:13) General Hospital
7:00	Dragon Tales (EI)	Charlie Sheen Revealed Char-	Play With Me Sesame	Larry King Live	60 Minutes	SportsCenter	The View	Aladdin "Plunder the Sea"
7:30	Bob the Builder	lie Sheen.	Bear in the Big Blue House					ChalkZone
8:00	The Wiggles Dora the Explorer "Click"	Hollywood Backstories Entertainment Tonight	Little Bill Wheel of Fortune	Mucha Lucha Mary-Kate and Ashley	Fox Magazine	NBA Fastbreak	Emeril Live	Mucha Lucha Kim Possible "Two to Tutor"
8:30 9:00	Stanley "A Whale of a Song"	Movie * * "Video Voyeur:	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	The Beltway Boys	College Basketball Army at	30-Minute Meals	Jeopardy!
9:30	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	The Susan Wilson Story" (2002, Drama) Angie Harmon,		Headline News	Fox News Watch	Navy. (Taped)	Paula's Home Cooking	Headline News
10:00	Arthur (EI)	Jamey Sheridan, Dale Midkiff.	(9:46) Oprah Winfrey	ESPNews	Bulls and Bears		Designers' Challenge	ESPNews
10:30	Reading Rainbow (EI) Sagwa-Siamese Cat	(10:46) Movie **: "XXX"	(:35) Guiding Light	Advisory Block 60 Minutes	Cavuto on Business Forbes	SportsCenter	Fashion Emergency Life Is Great-Brooke Burke	AFN Evening News 60 Minutes
11:30	Stanley "Bearly Awake"	1(2002) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento.	(:17) General Hospital	00 111111111111111111111111111111111111	Cashin' In	орогиосии	The King of Queens	
12:00	Dora the Explorer	An extreme-sports star becomes a player in the spy game.	Headline News	Without a Trace "Exposure"	Dateline NBC		That '70s Show "Thank You"	Without a Trace "Exposure"
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14:00	Blue's Clues "Blue's News!"	Texas widow fights to maintain her Decression-era life.		Pacific Report	Fox and Friends	Players Club of Scottsdale, Ariz. (Taped)	Ally McBeal "All of Me"	Pacific Report
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15:30	Full House 'Birthday Blues'	struck" (1987) Cher. Nicolas	ChalkZone	Late Show With David Letter-	American monning		lieve in That Stuff?"	Late Show With David Letter-
16:00	Pokémon	Cage. A Brooklyn bookkeeper falls for her fiance's brother.	Mucha Lucha	man	CNN Live Today	SportsCenter	Third Watch "Faith"	man
16:30 17:00	Yu-Gi-Oh! Doug "Doug's Midnight Kiss"	Access Hollywood	Kim Possible "Two to Tutor" Jeopardy!	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson			Law & Order "Narcosis"	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson
17:00	The Wild Thornberrys	Access Honywood	Headline News	Dennis Miller	+	NBA Fastbreak	Law & Older Narcosis	Dennis Miller
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19:00	Taina	Leonold" (2001 Romance)		Access Hollywood	DOLES IND C	Patriots look for their third title in four years while the Eagles	ness"	Access Hollywood
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22:00	The Cosby Show	1?" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Michelle Ferre.	Headline News	Good Morning America	Your World With Neil Cavuto	1st & 10	Friends	Good Morning America
	Home Improvement	Michelle Ferre. Movie *** "Presumed In-	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		Lester Holt Live	NFL PrimeTime Around the Horn	Seinfeld "The Hamptons" Seinfeld "The Raincoats"	
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Can you explain why Russian models like Natalia Vodianova are the hot new thing in fashion? What's happened to the gorgeous Brazilians like Gisele Bündchen? — Tracy Metcalfe, Detroit, Mich.

A Fashion operates with a herd mentality. It's passed in the proper of t

Q Showtime is making a TV movie called "Two Blind Mice," about Disney CEO Michael Eisner and Michael Ovitz, whom he hired and then fired with a huge golden parachute. Who will play the two Mikes? — Jack Knight, Pompano Beach, Fla.

British soccer star David

Beckham, right, and

in common besides their

enviable good looks -

rumor has it, their legs

model Heidi Klum, far right, have something

So far, Showtime has only ordered a script
—from Frederic Raphael, who co-wrote
"Eyes Wide Shut" with director Stanley Kubrick. Casting hasn't started yet, but we think Stanley Tucci would make a convincing Eisner. We welcome readers' suggestions for the role of Ovitz.



Orbach's final "Law and Order" episodes should get huge ratings.

Though Jerry Orbach passed away, will the segments he taped for the new Dick Wolf show, "Law & Order: Trial by Jury," still air? — Brett Ferino, Warrington, Pa.

Afres. Before his death age 69, Orbach shot three episodes of "Trial" in which his character, retired Detective Lennie Briscoe, does investigative work for the Manhattan DA. At press time, NBC hadn't set a date to air these episodes, which are sure to garner humongous ratings.

Clive Owen was fantastic in "Closer." He'd make a great James Bond. Has Hollywood looked at this hunk? — Sandra Taylor, Aurora, Colo.

dra Taylor, Aurora, Colo.

Hollywood not only has looked, it has made the

Advear-old Brit the top contender to succeed Pierce Brosnan as 007. Is he interested? "If and when I'm offered the
role, I'll think about it," Owen told us. "I only deal in concrete issues." Next issue: "Sin City," with Bruce Willis, due
out April I.

Renough with Britney and Jessical Know any genuinely tadlines? — Robin P., San Angelo, Texas

Albow about piano-playing siblings from Utah, "The 5 Browns"? Desirae, 25, Deondra, 24, Gresory, 22.

Browns⁷⁷ Desirae, 25, Deondra, 24, Gregory, 22, Melody, 20, and Ryan, 19, all attended Juilliard. They've played with major orchestras and will release a self-titled CD this week.

I read that French President Jacques Chirac is coming to the U.S. to meet with President Bush. Is it a signal that they've patched up their differences? — L.P., Little Rock, Ark.

No. During the Presidential campaign,
Mr. Bush won— and Paris was conspicuously absent from his announced trip to Europe, scheduled to start Feb. 22 — Chirac
was forced to swallow his
pride. The purpose of his U.S.
visit is to see what can be salvaged of Paris' relations with
Washington.

Now that Kelly Perdew is the new Apprentice, does the previous winner, Bill Rancic, still have a job with Trump? — Dina Tashman, Slate Hill, N.Y.

A Yes. Rancic has three months left of his 12-month apprendiceship. "After that," the Donald tells us, "he'll stay with me or go out on his own. Either way, he too will become a millionaire."

Q just saw Cavalia, the blg-lop event with horses, and won-dered about one trick rider: Kansas Caradine. Is she from the acting family of the same name? — K.E., Seal Beach, Calif. A Yes. Kansas, 26, is the daughter of "Kung Fu" and "Kill Bill" star David Carradine, 68. "I fell in lowe with riding when my dad brought a horse home from a film set," says Kansas, who began trick riding at 11. "I did stunts on films like "Hidajo," but I've waited my whole life for a show like this." Cavalia is now on a nationwide tour.

In the '40s, Betty Grable's legs were insured for \$1 million. Are celebrity body parts still insured today? — Rodolfo C., Madera, Calif.

Yes. Among others, it's reported that the legs of English soccer star David Beckham are insured for \$70 million, Heidi Klum's gams for \$2 million and Bruce Springsteer's vocal cords for \$6 million. But Jennifer Lopez den

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Buena Vista Pictur

Could it be King Arthur one minute, James Bond the next for moody English hottie Clive Owen?



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Invite British charities, too

So, the Americans are going to do some thing to show their appreciation to the local British community ("RAF Mildenhall to host community day instead of Air Fete," Jan. 22).

Big deal. It appears the whole event is going to be handled by the 100th Services Squadron. All the concession stands will be raking in money for Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the individual base

squadrons who are participating. Don't get me wrong - I'm all in favor of squadrons raising money, because they have some very worthwhile causes and there's nothing that should discredit that. But what about the British commu nity? They have worthwhile causes, too. And this community is going to make up the bulk of the visitors on the day, scoff ing American hamburgers and hot dogs and paying for it with pounds and pence. And holy mackerel, they even get to listen to "free music '

If the base wants to "beat down those walls that have gone up around RAF Mildenhall," why don't they voluntarily get on the phone to all the local British charities who could benefit from a 25,000-person turnout, and invite them to set up their own charity concessions. And let the charity set up its stall free of charge.

Let's see if the base truly wants to do something for the community. If the base is going to give away free hamburgers and hot dogs, I stand corrected.

Paul DesJardins RAF Mildenhall, England

Join infantry for a CIB

I'm getting tired reading about servicemembers whining about getting a combat award

The only ones I'm aware of who are allowed a Combat Infantryman Badge are 11Bs in an infantry unit. I do know of 11Bs who are not in those types of units but day in and day out go "outside the wire" on convoy security. These guys can go for days without seeing any action. On other days, they tell of being shot at and having to shoot up vehicles because the drivers try to enter their con-

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voys. Not knowing if these drivers are hostile or not, they do what they must to keep their convoys safe. These soldiers should be allowed a CIB, if they are 11B. If they are not, then they don't deserve it.

I am a military policeman. My job takes me "outside the wire" occasionally and, so far, I have not been fired upon. I am not in an MP unit, but if I were to come into contact with insurgents, I would not expect to get a CIB. If I wanted one, I would have enlisted into the infan-

If the Army comes up with a combat award for any military occupational specialty to receive because of hostile fire, I would accept it. But until that time, I will do my job to the best of my ability.

I'm not complaining about not getting one. However, I am complaining about the crybabies who want one but don't qualify. If you want it, transfer to an infantry unit.

Sgt. Kenneth Hallstrom Baghdad

Thanks to 171st Aviation

I would like to express my thanks to the pilots and flight engineers of Compa-ny H, 171st Aviation and their support battalion, the 6-52nd Aviation Battalion.

These soldiers have made our job as liaison officers for the 298th Corps Sup-

port Battalion and the 620th CSB a lot easier. Their dedication and professionalism were evident always and made it my plea-

sure to work with them on a daily basis for the past five months in Iraq. That the servicemembers hard-working and industrious and willing to accept last-minute changes to loads and personnel made our mission of

moving passengers and gear all the easier In the Corps we said "Fair winds and following seas." but I am sure these hard-working folks would rather hear Calm skies and steady tail winds.

If you're ever in West Virginia, look me up. I owe many of you a cold brew and a steak. C-23s rock!

Staff Sgt. Vande Burgt Anaconda, Iraa

Stop the benefit shuffle

I would like to comment on the Wall Street Journal article "Vets' benefits put squeeze on DOD spending" that appeared in Stars and Stripes (Jan. 29).

Thirty years ago, my husband retired from the U.S. Army. At that time, military retiree and survivor benefits weren't an issue. In fact, during our active-duty time in the military we didn't hear too much complaining about any-thing. During our 30 years associated with the military, my husband was normally on duty during Saturday, Sunday and a lot of holidays. There wasn't much time to complain because the military was about mission and taking care of those serving and those who served. I never heard anyone talking about a three-day weekend or being off for a training holiday.

Today I find that those complaining about military retiree benefits are people I consider self-servers, or those looking for self-recognition. There's plenty of ways to save money and still support those who served. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld stated that the government had layers and layers of civilian em-ployees shuffling the same paperwork. Maybe we need to stop the shuffling and get down to business.

Linda M. Moore Seoul South Korea





















OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates

Good vote mutually beneficial The Frederick (Md.) News-Post

It was not a perfect election. As expected, there were areas where voter turnout was light. And there were instances of insurgent violence. Thirty-some deaths were part of the day, but thirty-some deaths are part of many days in Iraq.

This vote was in reality an act of defiance, a notice to those who are trying to illegally seize power in Iraq that the rank and file of the nation are sick of terrorists, whether they be Saddam Hussein or Abu Musab al-Zarqawi...

While the real significance of [last] Sunday's election has yet to be determined, it bodes well for both Iraq and the United States....

For the United States, it may be the first real sign that an American presence in Iraq will not be required for many additional years, even decades, to come, as some have been predicting. With this crucial election now history, the United States best strategy may be to redouble the efforts and resources it is devoting to training Iraq's new army and civil authorities. ...

The sooner the United States exits Iraq the better — for both nations. The one thing that must be avoided is losing all of the hard-won gains ... that have been made since the invasion. That would be counterproductive and unacceptable.

Elections can't cure all ills The Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News

[Last] Sunday's elections in Iraq, which saw a turnout much higher than anyone expected, were an inspiring stride forward for the country.

The participation of millions of voters despite deadly threats from terrorists is a shining example of courage that may send shock waves through powerful Arab oligarchies.

With more elections planned before the end of the year to select new leaders under a new constitution, Iraq seems well on its way toward self-povernance. ... Yet for all the importance of the events Sunday, Iraq is far from out of the woods. One of the major concerns is the Sunni minority's lack of participation in the election. ...

No Iraqi government can hope for legitimaçy as long as foreign military fores continue to prop it up. For true democracy to flourish, America and its allies must leave. It'd be shameful if America decides to do that prematurely, and it'd be disastrous if Iraqis leaders demand it before they are ready to accept the burden of government themselves. Yet the worst possible postelection scenario would be if President Bush interprets the big turnout as a mandate for Admiciac florese to remain in the country in-

Deficit strategy insufficient Dayton (Ohio) Daily News

With the White House estimating that the Iraq war costs more than \$1 billion a week, the federal deficit for this year is now expected to be about \$427 billion...

There are lots of reasons to be worried about deficits, some better than others; some concrete, some psychological. For one thing, this country's inability to control its budget deficit (or, for that matter, its trade deficit) is said to be weakening confidence in the dollar and, thereby, contributing to the dollar's decline relative to other currencies. ...

Meanwhile, the administration has enacted an expansion of Medicare. It is pushing for a change in Social Security that would have enormous expenses on the front end. It



wants to extend the temporary tax cuts it enacted in the president's first term. And it has no higher priority than Iraq.

If there's a deficit-reduction strategy, it seems to be to rely on luck, in the form of a good economy and the opportunity to withdraw some troops from Iraq. In the eyes of the world, it's a strategy that amounts to nothing — except talk.

Cast out acts that hurt fishing The Times-Picayune, New Orleans

A recreational fishing group is trying to enlist President Bush's help in protecting redfish in the Gulf of Mexico from the damage posed by liquefied natural gas terminals, and the president should listen to its concerns.

The Coastal Conservation Association, which represents 60,000 fishers in Louisiana and Texas, wants LNG terminals in the Gulf to use natural gas to warm and vaporize the liquefied natural gas for transport. That method is more costly for companies that operate terminals but better for marine life. The alternative, known as an open-loop

The alternative, known as an open-loop system, uses millions of gallons of Gulf water daily to warm the liquefied gas, damaging billions of fish eggs and larvae in the process.

If two LNG terminals that have already been approved are joined by a third proposed by Shell US Gas & Power LLC, redfish landings in Louisiana could decrease by 25 percent, according to scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agencies.

Recreational fishers aren't the only ones who would be affected. Redfish is also an important species for commercial fishers, restaurants and cooks in Louisiana. Federal agencies need to look out for their interests when deciding what companies should be allowed to do in the Gulf of Mexico.

Ready for new shuttle flights? Florida Today, Melbourne

In the perilous realm of human spaceflight, you don't get second chances. One mistake, one bad decision and the result can be disaster.

It's the bottom-line point that needs to be remembered ... as NASA and the nation mark the second anniversary of the shuttle Columbia accident and the loss of its seven astronauts as they headed home to Kennedy Space Center.

The 24 months since then have been a head-spinning mix of trauma and hope for the agency: trauma in the accident and the

revelations of the errors and deep institutional flaws that caused it, and hope in its giving birth to NASA's new moon-Mars quest.

Yet with Discovery's liftoff just four months away, we remain deeply concerned that NASA is fixed on the May launch even though it still hasn't proven that all the required technical and program improvements have been put in place and are solid.

The main reason is the fragile state of the space station, and the need to resume critical shuttle resupply flights that have been grounded since Columbia went down.

Force drug companies' hand The Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal

Millions of Americans, especially seniors, are understandably fed up with the high cost of prescription drugs. Many aren't waiting for long-promised changes in the law—they are finding ways to place orders through Canadian pharmacies, sometimes with help of local governments, to obtain less expensive medicines.

The Bush administration has opposed opening the nation's borders to prescription drugs, saying the safety of imports cannot be guaranteed. But that ignores the reality that so many Americans are going this route anyway, with no federal oversight.

A bipartisan group of Senate and House members wants to change that. It has unveiled legislation that would allow Americans to legally import some prescription drugs from Canada and two dozen other industrialized countries.

Sensing Congress is inclined to do more, 10 major pharmaceutical companies recently announced they will lower the prices of certain drugs for low-income people who are uninsured.

The pharmaceutical companies can be pressed to do more — but Congress and Bush must stand up to them on behalf of Americans struggling to pay for their medicines

Opinions aren't a commodity The Times Herald-Record, Middletown, N.Y.

Yet another syndicated columnist has been discovered on the Bush administration payroll helping to promote one of its policies. If this keeps up, the president's going to have to create a Cabinet post just for a secretary of propaganda...

The president says he has ordered his Cabinet to cease hiring supposedly independent

commentators to promote his policies. Bush said, "Our agenda ought to be able to stand on its own two feet."

No question, but given this White House's propensity for spin control on all sorts of important issues, one can't help but be bemused at the administration's belated efforts at distancing itself from anything smacking of propaganda ...

The problem here ought to be self-evi-

The problem here ought to be self-evident. It is wrong and probably unlawful for the government to use taxpayer dollars to try to gain support for its policies by hiring reporters or columnists to provide positive accounts of some government policy or to produce what appear to be independent news accounts for the same purpose. ...

For the White House, not knowing that the purchasing of opinions from commentators whose views are supposedly reached independently is a bigger problem.

SBC effort has familiar ring San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News

For consumers, the future of telephone, Internet and even television service will be shaped in large part by two opposing forces: mergers, which typically reduce choice for consumers, and innovation, which expands

More than any other event so far, the planned buyout of AT&T by SBC Communications symbolizes the ascendancy of mergers as the principal force shaping the industry, and that may leave consumers in a bind. SBC, along with six other Baby Bells, was created 21 years ago by the breakup of AT&T. Now, the offspring is swallowing its

former parent.

Besides being a dominant force in local
and long-distance service, it is a powerful
player in broadband Internet service, and a
growing force in television, through partnerships with satellite-TV firms. Its 60 percent
ownership of Cingular Wireless makes it a

leader in the cell-phone business as well.

The other Bells, while smaller, also offer a similarly broad menu of services. Only the cable firms, which have recently made a push into telephone service, can provide comparable products.

There's nothing wrong with big, powerful companies — as long as they face sufficient competition. The risk that consumers face, however, is that a frenzy of mergers will quash competition before innovative firms gain a foothold in the marketplace. ...
It these trends continue. American con-

It these trends continue, American consumers will end up with more technologies and services to choose from, but fewer choices of providers. That ... could leave consumers at the mercy of ever rising prices.

YOUR MONEY

Popular tax services now free for everyone

BY TOM HERMAN The Wall Street Journal

In an unusual departure for the \$1 billion tax software and online tax-preparation industry, makers of the nation's two best-selling programs are giving away free software and electronic-filing services to anyone who wants them.

The move to make the software free to everyone is the latest twist to emerge from a deal the Internal Revenue Service cut in late 2002 with numerous tax-preparation companies.

The IRS, which has been trying to encourage more people to fielectronically, promised not to provide its own free service during the term of the pact. In return, members of the alliance were required to offer free services, via the IRS Web site, to at least 60 percent of the nation's taxpayers.

Since the program's inception, nearly all such offers were limited to people who met certain income, age or other restrictions. It has expanded this year amid growing industry competition to attract more users for both federal and state software.

In all, a total of 19 Web-based versions of federal tax-prep and electronic-filing programs are available free through the IRS.

Some businesses still restrict the free services based on such factors as income or age. But others — including the two biggest sellers, Intuit Inc., maker of TurboTax, and H&R Block, maker of TaxCut — are offering free services to everyone.

Nearly all of the free offers are only for federal returns. Most people still will have to pay for software or electronic filing of state returns, and companies in the alliance hope to capture some of that business. Some companies also may use this as an opportunity to sell other financial services.

Not surprisingly, there has been some grumbling in the industry about giving away tax-preparation software. Tim Gokey, president of H&R Block's U.S. tax unit, says the firm believes unrestricted free filling runs counter to the original intention of the so-called Free File Alliance between the IRS and the industry. But, he adds, "we changed our offer from \$34,000 per year adjusted gross income to unimited free filling to remain

Keep in mind ...

■ If you are considering road-testing any of the free services, be sure to go to the services through the IRS Web site. Don't go directly to a company's site, or the service might not be free.

There are 19 software programs, including versions of TurboTax and TaxCut, available free through www.irs.gov.

■ Taxpayers with complicated returns may need to purchase higher-end software or see a tax pro.
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■ Intuit's TurboTax and H&R Block software is free only for federal returns, not for state returns.

■ Some companies limit their offer based on income or

other factors.

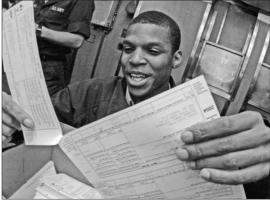
— The Wall Street Journal

In addition, the free programs aren't necessarily suitable for higher-income investors with complex returns and a desire for advice on how to minimize their traces." Hope I'm not dehuding my-self, but most of our clients are not of-it-yourselfers," says Richard Rampell, chief executive of Rampell & Rampell, extified public accountants and consultants in Palm Beach.

IRS officials emphasize they aren't endorsing any of the members of the alliance, but that all members do have to meet certain IRS standards, notably security and privacy. For the full list of offerings, see the IRS Web site (www.irs.gov), which provides links to all the participating firms.

The offer comes as millions of early birds are getting ready to file their returns in hopes of collecting their refunds as quickly as possible. Last year, the IRS received more than 48 million returns by the end of February.

The number of people using the Free File program has increased rapidly Lasy year, uspayers filed about \$5\$ million returns through the program, upfrom 2.8 million in the 2003 filing season, says Bert DuMars, directorof electronic-tax administration at the IRS in Washington.
The expanded services are expected to significantly increase
the number of people who use the



BENJAMIN DENNIS/Courtesy of the U.S. Nav

Disbursing Clerk Seaman Marcellus Russell of Orlando, Fla., sorts W-2 forms Wednesday for personnel aboard the USS Kitty Hawk, which is currently in port in Yokosuka, Japan.

software and who file electronically rather than by mail.

IRS officials say they are aware there is irritation among some tarprofessionals. "You hear a few complaints once in a while," says DuMars. "But the fact that the number of taxpayers who use paid preparers continues to grow while the Free File program is growing indicates a need for both types of services."

Intuit spokeswoman Julie Miller says revenue from TurboTax (www.lurbotax.com) in the year ended July 31 rose about 16 percent from the previous year. Miller says the free TurboTax version is "virtually the same" as the "basic" TurboTax version, "except it doesn't allow you to transfer last year's tax data into this vear's return.

Tom Linafelt, an H&R Block spokesman, says the company's free offering this year isn't identical to its "standard" TaxCut product but, instead, is a version of its online offering at its Web site, www.hrblock.com.

funding IRS enforcement is a wise investment."

Check out "Tax Talk Today," a monthly Webcast program (www.taxtalktoday.tv) with IRS officials and private-sector specialists. Recent ses-

sions have included one on getting ready for this

no charge to learn about new developments in tax administration, or can earn CPE (continuing professional education) credits for a fee," says

Ellen Murphy, IRS executive producer for the program. She says the program is interactive and

each can be viewed for a year after its broadcast

"Tax professionals can watch the program for

Tax talk for professionals

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Ditching paper forms and e-filing is easier this year thanks to a deal between the IRS and tax preparation companies. Free filing options are available at the IRS' Web site, www.irs.gov.

More money sought for audits

The president's budget, to be released next week, will request an additional \$500 million for IRS 'enforcement activities," the Treasury Department said. The increase would give the IRS 'additional resources to examine more tax returns, collect past-due taxes and investigate cases of tax avoidance."

If approved, that amount would represent a 7.8 percent increase in funding from fiscal 2005. The Treasury said Congress approved about \$6.39 billion for IRS enforcement in fiscal 2005. The president's fiscal 2006 budget will request about \$6.89 billion.

Enforcement "more than pays for itself," IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said.

"Particularly in a period of deficit reduction,

rom The Wall Street Journal

year's filing season.

YOUR MONEY

Tough to pry pension plan out of new owners

Q: My company's traditional pension plan was one of the reasons I took a job there. I like the idea of having a guaranteed paycheck in retirement, regardless of how the markets are doing or how much I've managed to put aside

But now our company is being put on the block, and none of the potential buyers seems to have traditional pension plan. Should my co-workers and I be worried?

A: In a word, yes. Few corporations that don't already offer pensions want to take on the hassles and expense of funding them.

A traditional pension promises a set payment to retired workers for as long as they live. These plans are costly, and companies are increasingly phasing them out or, in some cases, switching to cash-balance plans that are somewhat akin to 401 (k) retirement accounts.

The buyer of your company could take one of several courses. The first is to "freeze" the pension, which means you wouldn't lose the benefits you've

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any more. The company would continue to administer the plan and arrange for you to get your retirement payment.

If the company decides to insti-tute a cash-balance plan, the value of your pension holdings would be transferred into the plan, but the rate at which you accrue future benefits could change.

More radically, the buyer might simply terminate the plan and either buy you an annuity that represents the benefits you've accrued or simply pay those benefits to you in a lump sum

If the plan doesn't have enough money to pay promised benefits, the buyer could turn it over to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., the quasi-government agency that runs failed plans. Again, you wouldn't accrue new benefits, and it's possible you could lose some if you're a highly paid worker close to retirement.

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\$29,649 annually if you retire at 60 or \$45,614 if you retire at 65. Your chances of persuading a buyer to continue the plan may be low, but you can try making the argument that pensions at-

Money Talk

tract smart, older workers who understand their value, said pension expert Steve Vernon, author of "Live Long and Prosper: Invest in Your Happiness, Health and Wealth for Retirement and Beyond."

You'd be though, to step up your efforts to save on your own. As rapidly as tra-Liz Pulliam Weston ditional pensions are disappearing, it makes sense for almost every worker to have at least something put aside for his

smart.

or her own retirement. O: On the back of the credit card, what is the purpose of the three numbers that follow the account number? Why do some merchants require these numbers to make purchases over the

Internet?

A: The numbers to which you

refer constitute the card security code. (American Express has its four-digit card security code on the front, above the account number.)

You'll notice they're printed on the card, rather than embossed. Online merchants ask for the codes as a way of proving that you actually have the card in your possession and didn't just pick up somebody else's credit card receipt.

It's a matter of self-defense When a bricks-and-mortar merchant approves a fraudulent purchase, the credit card issuer often reimburses the loss as long as the merchant has the customer's signature on a receipt. Without a signature, though, a merchant's exposure is higher; it can face "charge-backs," under which the fraudulent purchase amount is rejected by the credit card company, leaving the mer-chant to shoulder the loss.

Asking for the code doesn't winnow out the thieves who actually have stolen cards in their possession, or who photocopied someone else's cards. But it does eliminate the most casual of identity thieves, and every little bit of prevention can help a merchant's bottom line.

O: I have been trying to build my credit. I've never had a late payment on my credit card or auto loan, although I did have some old medical bills from six vears ago I recently paid off.

But I just checked my credit score, and it has decreased by 95 points! I am so upset I don't know what to do. I spent more than \$1,200 on these bills thinking this would help. Did this hurt me instead?

A: Your desire to do the right thing probably did the wrong thing for your credit score.

Because of the way credit scores are figured, paying an old bill often updates the troubled account, making it look more recent to the national credit bureaus. Because the scoring formula weighs recent behavior more heavily than past behavior, an old black mark that wasn't affecting your score much can suddenly have much more weight when the debt has been paid off.

The plunge in your score means that you'll be paying much higher interest rates and face much tougher credit terms if you apply for a new loan any time soon.

The best thing you can do now is to continue making your credit card and auto loan payments promptly and let time try to heal the wound you inadvertently in-

Liz Pulliam Weston is the author of r Credit Score: How to Fix, Improve "Your Credit Score: How to Fix, Improve and Protect the 3-Digit Number That Shapes Your Financial Future." Questions for Money Talk can be submitted to her at 3940 Laurel Canyon Blvd., No. 238, Studio City, CA 91604, or via her Web site, www.lizweston.com. She regrets that she cannot respond personally to queries.

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ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Behavioral-finance basics

BY JUSTIN BACHMAN

The Associated Press If you're like many American

workers with a 401(k), you probably tinker with your investments' composition. Vigilance of the market and

financial adjustments are smart, right? Um, sure. But many of us do silly things with our investments, and don't even realize it.

Understanding a few basic principles of behavioral finance and how it affects our decisions can help, according to Douglas Mangini, head of Nationwide Financial Services Inc.'s Financial Planners Channel. The company is a division of insurance giant Nationwide Mutual Insurance, based in Columbus, Ohio. Mangini has a few tins:

■ Don't look to "strike while the iron's hot." Statistically, there is no "hot hand" when it comes to investing, just as casi-

nos don't go bankrupt because of gamblers going on a roll. ■ Admit mistakes and move

on. Don't allow a short-term error to become a long-term problem.

■ Don't follow the herd. Staving put or selling out on a company just because everyone else is doing so isn't always wise

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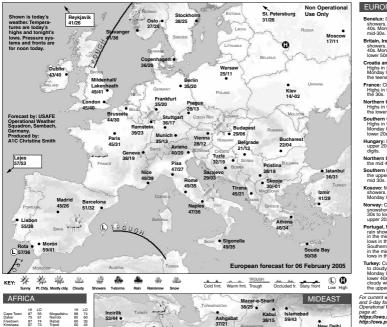
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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Cloudy with rain and snow showers. Highs in the lower to mid-40s. Monday lows in the lower to mid-30s.

Britain, Ireland: Cloudy with rain-showers. Highs in the mid to high 40s. Monday lows in the lower 40s to lower 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid-30s. Monday lows in the single digits to the teens.

France: Cloudy with rainshowers.
Highs in the mid-40s. Monday lows in
the 30s.

Northern Germany: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s. Monday lows in the lower 20s.

Southern Germany: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 30s. Monday lows in the lower teens to lower 20s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 20s. Monday lows in the single digits.

Northern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Monday lows in the 20s. Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Monday lows in the mid 30s.

Kosovo: Mostly cloudy with snow-showers. Highs in the upper 20s. Monday lows in the upper teens.

Norway: Cloudy with rainshowers and snowshowers. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Monday lows in the upper 20s to mid-30s.

Portugal, Spain: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Northern Spain highs in the mid-40s to lower 50s. Monday in the mid-40s to lower 50s. Mondar, lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Southern Spain and Portugal highs in the mid to upper 50s. Monday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Turkey: Coastal regions mostly cloudy to cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Monday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Inland regions mostly cloudy with snowshowers. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

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Friday's men's games

EAST Alfred 63, Nazareth, N.Y. 62 American U. 86, Army 58 Amherst 72, Williams 45 Brockport 101, Fredonia St. 83 Bucknell 89, Lafayette 69 CCNY 79, Hunter 73

Carnegie-Mellon 83, Case Reserve 81 Clarkson 49, Vassar 36 Clarkson 49, Vassar 36 Cornell 76, Brown 75 Dartmouth 50, Princeton 42 Hobart 66, Union, N.Y. 65 Holy Cross 68, Navy 66 Iona 55, Manhattan 53 Ithaca 54, Hartwick 43 La Roche 65, Frostburg St. 5 g St. 50 La Roche 65, Frostburg St. 50 Lehigh 63, Colgate 53 Penn 70, Harvard 57 Penn St. Behrend 91, Mount Aloysius 65 Poistdam 67, Cortland St. 64 Rochester 64, Emory 61 Skidmore 72, Hamilton 65 skidmore 72, Hamilton 65 St. John Fisher 87, Rochester Tech 76 St. Lawrence 79, RPI 69 Wagner 72, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 55 Yale 77, Columbia 67 SOUTH Bryan 83, Allos Lend 55

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Friday

1. LSU (20-1) did not play. Next: at Mississipi State, Sunday.
2. Ohio State (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Sunday. 3. Duke (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Florida State, Sunday. 4. Stanford (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. Ari-zona State, Saturday. 4. Stanford (26-2) did not play, Next vs. Aff-5. Tennesse (17.3) did not play, Next vs. Mississippi, Sunday.
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at Providence, Saturday.

12. Texas Tech (16-3) did not play. Next:
vs. No. 8 Bavlor. Saturday.

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22. Temple (17-3) did not play. Next: at vu-quesne, Sunday. 23. Penn State (13-7) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Sunday. 24. Florida State (19-4) did not play. Next:

at No. 3 Duke, Sunday. 25. North Carolina State (16-5) did not play, Next: at Georgia Tech, Thursday, Feb. 10.

Friday's women's scores

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Bowdoin 58, Wesley 50, Army 47
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Clarkson 58, Vascar 47 Clarkson 58, Vassar 47
Colgate 83, Lehigh 72
Columbia 68, Yale 58
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Xavier 88, Duquesne 68
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kım., united States, 7-5, 6-7 (0), 6-4.
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Quarterfinals
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Merklein, Bahamas, 6-4, 7-5.
Simon Aspelin, Sweden, and Todd Perry
(1), Sweden, def. Dennis van Scheppingen
and Peter Wessels, Netherlands, walkover.

BellSouth Open

(7), Argentina, E-1, E-3.
Gaston Gaudio (1), Argentina, def. Jose Acasuso (6), Argentina, C-2, 3-6, 3-16, 3-

gentina, def. Paul Capdevine and Joseph Clo Cerda, Chile, 7-6 (3), 6-2. David Ferrer and Santiago Ventura, Spain, def. Enzo Artoni, Italy, and Ignacio Gonza-lez-King, Argentina, 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (0).

Pan Pacific Open

Saturday At Metropolitan Gymnasi

At Metropolitan Gymnasium
Purse: \$1.3 million (Tier I)
Surface: Carpet-indoor
Semifinals
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Shinobu
Asiapor, Japan, 6.1, 7.6 (2) milled States, def.
Svetlana Kuznetšova (3), Russia, 6.1–7.6 (2), Doubles
Linderus Davenmont and Corina Morariu,

Semifinals
Lindsay Davenport and Corina Morariu,
United States, def. Elena Dementieva, Russia, and Al Sugliyama (3), Japan, walkover.
Janette Husarova, Slovakia, and Elena
Likhovtseva (2), Russia, def. Nicole Pratt,
Australia, and Maria Vento-Kabchi (4), Venezuela, 6-3, 6-3.

Volvo Women's Open

Saturday
At Dusit Resort Pattaya
Pattaya, Thailand
Purse: \$170,000 (Tier IV)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor ace: Hard-Ou Singles Semifinals

Semifinals
Conchita Martinez (3), Spain, def. Evgenia
Linetskaya, Russia, 6-2, 4-0, retired.
Anna-Lena Groenefeld (7), Germany, def.
Virginia Ruano Pascual (8), Spain, 4-6, 6-2,
6-2

Doubles Semifinals Marta Domachowska, Poland, and Silvija Jalaja, Croatta, der. Jalaja, Croatta, def. Julyana, 7-5, 6-3.

Golf

FBR Open

Friday
At TPC at Scottsdale
Scottsdale, Ariz.
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Heineken Classic

Saturday At Royal Melbourne Golf Club Melbourne, Australia Purse: \$1.55 million Yardage: 6,954; Par: 71 Third Round

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Singapore Ladies Masters

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Friday's transactions

BASEBALLE
ANAHEIM ANGELS-Agreed to terms with
INF-OF Robb Quinlan, RHP Matt Hensley and
NEW YORK YANKES-Agreed to terms
with LHP Buddy Groom on a minor league
contract.

CONTRACT.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with OF Eric Byrnes on a one-year contract. Named Webster Garrison manager and Jere-korthwest League.

TEXAS RANCERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Pedro Astaclo on a one-year contract. Calamed RHP Ryan Bukwich off waivers from

an Diego. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with INF Shea Hillenbrand on a one-year con-

tract.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with INF
Aramis Ramirez and RHP Carlos Zambrano
on one-year contracts and INF Daye Hansen

on one-year contracts and INF Dave Hansen on a minor league contract. COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Shawn Chacon, RHP Allan Simp-son, LHP Chris Narveson, INF Garrett Atkins, OF Brad Hawpe and OF Jorge Piedra on one-year contracts. ome-year contracts.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms
with INF Junior Spivey on a one-year contract and INF Jeff Cirillo on a minor league
contract.

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DUKE—Named Brad Sparling assistant golf coach.

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Greg Gattuso, football coach, to become
football recruiting coordinator and tight
ends coach for Pittsburgh. Named Joe Bernard interim football coach.

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coach.

WASHINGTON—Named Tim Lappano offensive coordinator, Eric Yarber receivers
coach and Trent Miles running backs coach.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE—Named Joe Bonner
volleyball coach.

U.S. lands a 1-2 punch

Miller's second gold, Rahlves' silver leaves elite Austrians far behind

BY ANDREW DAMPF The Associated Press

BORMIO, Italy — Bode Miller became the first American to win the men's downhill in the Alpine World Ski Championships on Sat-urday, and teammate Daron Rahlves was second in this signature event for an overpowering show by the U.S. team.

Miller, winner of last weekend's super giant slalom gold medal, confirmed his status as the top all-around skier. The over-World Cup leader was the third skier down the slope, and no one finished within a second of his time of 1 minute, 56.22 sec-onds until Rahlves, who started 18 spots later.

The two Americans gave the United States its first 1-2 finish in any event in skiing's world championships.

"To be one and two at the world championships for any team is great, but for the U.S. it's phenom-"Miller said. "It means even more to be on the podium with Daron than to win it alone.

Rahlves was 0.44 seconds be hind. Austria's Michael Walchhofpion, settled for bronze, 0.87 back

"Daron is an inspirational skier," Miller said. "He's got a lot of heart and a lot of grit, especially at the world championships.

While Bill Johnson won the Olympic downhill in 1984 and Tommy Moe repeated the feat 10 years later in the Lillehammer Games, no American man had captured the gold in the glamour race in a world championships.

Miller ended a strong run by Austria, which had won every world championship downhill dating to Hermann Majer's victory in 1999 in Vail. Colo. The worlds are not held during Winter Olym-



American skiers Daron Rahlves, left, and Bode Miller celebrate their 1-2 finish in the men's downhill on Saturday at Bormio, Italy. Miller won his second gold medal of the Alpine World Ski Championships.

Strategy played a large part in guys it wouldn't have been so Miller's victory. By deliberately posting a slow time in Friday's final training, which determined the race's starting order, Miller started early and could attack a clean course while later skiers faced varying conditions

Miller, who lost a ski in Friday's combined race, mastered the upper part of the Stelvio course and made only a few minor errors on the lower half.

"It worked out exactly the way I hoped," Milller said. "For some great, but for me it was perfect."

The skier from Franconia, N.H., began his career as a slalom and giant slalom specialist and has become a top speed skier only this season, winning two World Cup downhills to start the winter. Until the worlds, he had been in something of a slump, going winless since taking a slalom in Sestriere, Italy on Dec. 13.

Now he has two golds and a chance for more medals in the giant slalom, slalom and the new

eam event that concludes the championships Feb. 13.

'I'm super proud of what Bode has done this year and today," Rahlves said. "This is the first year we've trained together and he's got a lot of intensity like I do, so it's fun to bang heads and mix it up on the hill."

everal skiers made up time on Miller in the last few hundred meters but were too far behind. Rahlves, wearing the No. 21 bib,

"I was definitely ready to put one down today," Rahlves said. "It was a lot humpier today, so you know you're going to make some mistakes."

came closest

The five Austrians in the race were among the final elite skiers

First came Johann Grugger winner of a World Cup downhill on this hill in December. He fin-

ished ninth Walchhofer was next in the No 27 starting position and trailed by 0.39 at the third checkpoint, but he lost more time just before the

Walchhofer said a pebble lodged in his binding.

"I could have won if I didn't have such problems," he said.

Werner Franz. whose first World Cup downhill victory came at Val d'Isere this season, fin-28th. Reigning Olympic ished downhill champion Fritz Strobl, who started 30th started well but had to settle fo fourth.

The last Austrian that Miller had to watch was Maier, the four-time World Cup overall champion. Maier crashed during Friday's training session and thus didn't earn a top-30 starting position. Going out 31st, he was on Rahlves' pace at the midpoint before falling behind and finishing

Only then, more than half-hour after his run, could Mill-



World Championships

2. Daron Rahlves, United States, 1 minute, 56.22 seconds.
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3. Michael Walchhofer, Austria,

1:57.09. 4. Fritz Strobl. Austria. 1:57.17. 5. Bruno Kernen, Switzerland, 1:57.25. 6. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 1:57.37. 7. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 1:57.38 8. Ambrosi Hoffmann, Switzerland

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14. Kurt Sulzenbacher, Italy, 1:57.79.
15. Kristlan Ghedina, Italy, 1:57.86.
16. John Kucera, Canada, 1:57.90.
17. Hermann Maler, Austria, 1:57.95.
18. Max Rauffer, Germany, 1:57.99.
19. Manuel Osborne-Paradis, Canada,

22. Erik Guay, Canada, 1:58.28. 23. Kietil Andre Aamodt, Norway

1:58.31. 24. Peter Fill, Italy, 1:58.39. 25. Marco Buechel, Liechtenstein,

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Medals table

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Austria	1	1	3	5
weden	1	1	0	2
Croatia	1	0	0	1
taly	0	1	1	2
lorway	0	1	0	1

Mickelson's 60 worth a share of FBR Open lead sociation agrees to accept one

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Phil Mickelson, playing in the city he long called home, birdied the final five holes Friday to complete an 11-under 60, tving the course record and vaulting into a share of the lead in the FBR Open

Mickelson, who now lives in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., finished one stroke shy of the PGA Tour record for 18 holes — 59, shared by Al Geiberger, Chip Beck and David Duval The Masters champion is the 16th player to shoot 60. Halfway through the 72-hole

event. Lefty shared the lead at 9-under 133 with 21-year-old Kevin Na, the youngest player on the PGA Tour

It was the lowest round for Mickelson in an official PGA Tour event, bettering his third-round 61 on the way to winning the 2001 Greater Hartford Open. He shot a 59 last Nov. 24 in the non-official PGA Grand Slam. Mickelson tied the course

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record for the tournament formerly known as the Phoenix Open set by Grant Waite in 1996 and matched by Mark Calcavecchia

Mickelson, seeking his 24th tour victory and first of 2005, had nine hirdies and an eagle on the 7.216-vard Tournament Players Club course, where he won in

No progress in NHL talks

NEW YORK - After 13 hours of talks between representatives of the NHL and the players' association over two days, the sides broke off discussions Friday with no plans to meet again

Though popular opinion held that this was the last chance to save the season, apparently there's still time to make a deal but only if the NHL can live without a salary cap, or the players' asNeither side has shown any willingness to change its position. The 41/2-month lockout reached

its 142nd day Friday and has wiped out 775 regular-season games. The remainder of the 1.230-game schedule could be called off within days.

"Despite several media reports to the contrary, we have no intention of making any further announcement relating to collective bargaining or the status of the sea-son at this time," NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said

Fls three back in Heineken

MELBOURNE, Australia — Last year, Ernie Els took an eight-shot lead into the final round of the Heineken Classic and held on - just - for his third straight win at Royal Melbourne.

This year, he's three off the lead but still likes his chances.

Els shot a 5-under 66 Saturday to trail third-round leader Nick O'Hern of Australia by three

going into Sunday's final round. Only four male golfers most recently Tiger Woods (Buick Invitational, 2000-2003), have won the same event four times in a row.

"The course is in great shape, it is there for the taking," Els said. "I will be up for it and will have a chance coming down the last

Davenport, Sharapova in final TOKYO - Top-ranked Lind-

say Davenport beat U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1, 7-6 (7-2) Saturday to reach the final of the Pan Pacific Open. a tournament she has won four

Davennort the defending champion, will face Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova in Sunday's title match. The second-seeded Russian defeated Shinobu Asagoe of Japan 6-1, 7-6 (7-3) in the other semifinal.

South Korean teen wins

SINGAPORE - South Korea's 18-year-old Song Bo-bae held off Sweden's Charlotta Sorenstam for her first European Tour victorv. shooting a 3-over-par 75 to win the Samsung Ladies Masters on Saturday.

Song finished at 10-under 206, one stroke ahead of Sorenstam, who closed with a 71

U.S. 1-2 in speedskating MOSCOW - Shani Davis and

Chad Hedrick gave the United States a 1-2 overall points finish after the first two men's races in the world allround speedskating championships on Saturday.

Davis led the field with 74.969

points, with Hedrick 0.13 points behind and Sven Kramer of the Netherlands third with 75.917.

Japan's Takahiro Ushiyama was a surprise winner of the men's 500-meter with his personal best 36.28 seconds. Davis was clocked 36.33 seconds for second and Hedrick was third in 36.65

Hedrick was also second in the men's 5,000, 1.30 seconds behind Norway's Oystein Grodum. Davis was fifth, gaining enough points to claim the overall lead.

High school scoreboard

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I, Lance Hoffman (Bit); 4, Jerrold Rung (GleS), 188-1, Melel); 3, John Pitzgerald (SHA); 4, onlo Surez (Baum) 215-1, Richard Rendon (SHA); 2, Brandon immons (Held); 3, Jaket Lazaridas (ASI, Alchael Brown (GleV); 4, Rex Lazaridas (ASI, 275-1, Daniel Dantas (Held); 2, Jason Stan-275-1, Daniel Dantas (Held); 2, Jason Stan-

ley (Baum).

Würzburg heptagonal

(Saturday)
Team scoring — Unavailable. Teams participating were Bamberg, Hanau, Hohenfels, Ramstein, Vilseck, Wiesbaden and

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Rota boys make impression

If first impressions count for anything, count Rota in the hunt for the European Division III basketball championship.

"Based on what I have seen and heard, Rota needs to be considered for one of the top two seeds in the Division III tournament." London Central coach Alan Campbell said Saturday after watching the Admirals hammer Alconbury 74-39 on Friday and his Bobcats

63-41 on Saturday.

The two games were Rota's first this season against

DODDS-Europe schools.
Eric McMillian scored 22
points on Friday and 13 on Saturday for Rota, which also got good
production from Jason Allard (17
and 18), Gilbert Mendez (11 on
Friday) and Joseph Casey (12 on

Saturday).
In other boys games of note on
Friday and Saturday:

Aviano clinches league crown

At Sigonella, Italy, Aviano nailed down the American Schools in Italy League championship with a road sweep that capped an unbeaten ASIL season. Dustin Miller scored 28 points and Tony Williams 20 on Friday

Dustin Miller scored 28 points and Tony Williams 20 on Friday as the Saints romped 76-46. The two reversed position in Saturday's 71-31 rout, with Williams scoring 25 and Miller 21.

Aviano, 12-0 overall, completed

Aviano, 12-0 overall, completed its ASIL season 7-0. Sigonella fell to 5-5 and 2-3 in league play and hosts Livorno this weekend.

Hanau sweeps Falcons

At Vilseck, Germany, Hanau swept the Falcons 62-53 and 66-50 to keep its D-II record perfect going into Friday night's game against visiting Mannheim, also undefeated in D-II play.

All-European Marcus Fontanez scored 10 points on Friday, then came back in Saturday's conference game to take scoring and rebounding honors with 21 points and 13 rebounds.

Malcolm Lane scored 26 on Friday and 14 on Saturday to help Hanau improve to 9-2 overall and 5.0 in league play

5-0 in league play.
Vilseck, which got 19 points
from Aaron Vernon and 14 from
Rodney Morgan on Saturday, is

7-3 overall and 4-2 in the league. Mannheim rules the road

In the Netherlands and Belgium, Mannheim advanced to 5-0 in D-II with a 63-58 win over AFNORTH on Friday and a 66-52

victory over SHAPE on Saturday. Desmond Brown led the way against AFNORTH with 24 points, and Reggie Jenkins did the same against SHAPE with 17.

Mannheim will take a 9-2 overall mark and 5-0 league mark into Hanau on Friday. AFNORTH fell to 3-8 overall and 0-5 in D-II.

Bamberg keeps pace

At Giessen, Germany, Bam-

berg's Carlos Zapata torched the Griffins for 34 points in Friday's 86-67 Division III-South victory, then came back to score 29 more

tnen came back to score 29 more in Saturday's 88-65 triumph. The sweep left Bamberg, which got 18 points on Friday and 16 on Saturday from Miguel Lozada, 4-0 in the III-South standings.

The Barons are 4-6 overall.

Giessen fell to 2-10 overall and
1-5 in III-South despite 19 points
on Saturday from Charles Rodg-

Ansbach keeps III-South edge

At Ansbach, Germany, the home-standing Cougars got 21 points from rising star Taurean Moore on Friday in a 48-29 victory over Hohenfels that left Ansbach with a 6-0 league record.

The Cougars travel to Black Forest Academy for a pair of games this weekend, then close out their regular season with a home-and-home series against Bamberg Feb. 18-19.

Royals wrap up D-I season

At Lakenheath, England, Ramstein downed the Lancers 53-30 on Friday and 80-55 on Saturday to up its season record to 8-4 overall and 4-2 in Division I.

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Allen Weaver, with 14 points on
Friday and 15 on Saturday,
topped the score sheet both days
for Ramstein, which is to close
out its regular season with a paid
for road games against D-2 foes:
Bitburg on Friday and Mannheim
on Saturday.

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(Saturday at SHAPE, Belgium)

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Womble 14, Lee 10, Brown 9, Gardner 8; SHP
V.J. Fowler 20, Kael Richardson 12, Joe Puttmann 8.

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(Friday at Vilseck)
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Top scorers—Han: Malcolm Lane 26, Xaviro James 10, Marcus Fontanez 10; Vil: Aaron
Vernon 19, Derrick Jones 11, Jamaal Johnson
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| Top scorers—Bit: Brown 17, Hardy 13, Whatley 12; BFA: Reed 24, Mosely 11, Newby 9.

Noteworthy—Hardy led Bitburg with 11 re-ounds and 4 steals. Reed led BFA with 8 re-ounds. BFA, 7-5, hosts Bitburg next week-nd. Bitburg, 6-6, will host Ramstein on Fri-

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end improves to 6-5; Baumholder will take a 2-10 record to Bamberg on Friday and Satur-

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Lilly 11; Alc: Xavier Ferguson 15, Nigel Kelly

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(7-3). Lilly had 8 assists for Rota.

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Miguel Lozada 18, Dillon Baker 11; Gless
Cedric Williams 15, Charles Rodgers 14,
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Noteworthy – Bamberg (4-5 overall, 4-0 in Dv., III-South) benefited from 10 rebounds box. III-South obleheader. Glessen (2-10, 1-5) got 5 rebounds from Rodgers and 3 steals from King. The Griffies next lapy at Hoherborn Grow Hong. The Griffies next lapy at Hoherborn Grow Hong. The Griffies next looke out the Griffies next looke out the Griffies and III-South conference schedules.

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Busby 6, Anthony Marshall is; Ans: Taurear
Moore 21, Sherman Tyler 12, Russell Bailey 9
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Top scorers—AOSR: Mike Natale 12; Liv:
Terrell Murphy 13, DeAngelo Hall 12.
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AOSR
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14 10 2 9–36
Top scorers—AOSR: Tim Garbinsky 12; Liv:
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Hall 18. Noteworthy—Livorno will take a 4-7 overall and 2-4 ASIL record into its final regular-season games this Friday and Saturday at Sigonella. AOSR is 4-7 overall and 2-4 i league and play at Milan this Friday and Sat Interdivisional
Giessen 57, FIS 55
(Tuesday at Giessen; score by capallable)

Top scorers—Frankfurt International School: Byron Shannon 20, Alex Dempsey 19; Gies: Kevin Breisch 14, Rodgers 9, Chris Fehl-Würzburg 61, Hohenfels 39 (Saturday at Hohenfels)

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(Friday at Wiesbaden 3 8—13 Wiesbaden 14 16 9.29—88 Top scorers—Wzbg: Allison McKearn 12, Amanda Ventrua 6; Wies: Brittany Harris 23, Amerika Ventrua 6; Wies: Brittany Harris 23, Moteworthy—Ensen led all rebounders with 9 and made 4 steals, Harris added 8 rebounds and 6 steals, and Disnute posted 7 rebounds and 6 steals, and Disnute posted 7 rebounds and 6 steals for William 18 february 18 february

Würzburg. Division II Vilseck 40, Hanau 26 **SEE SCORES ON PAGE 39**

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Top scorers—Han: Bye-Nagel 12, Alexis
Padgett 8; Vils: Sanders 18, De La Rosa 8,
Chambers 6,
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3s and pulled down 19 rebounds for Vilseck,
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which improved to 9-1 overall and 5-1 in D-II
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Chambers had 7 rebound. Hanau, which fell is
from Fauntleroy. Next up for Hanau is a
home game on Friday against D-2 leader
Mannheim.
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Noteworthy – A. Bint 2 led all rebounders with 10. Rempel led BFA with 4 rebounds;

Woodward and frey each added 3.

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Brios 12; Alc: Nikita Webb 5.
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grabbed 9 rebounds in Rota's first game of grabbed subministratives and structure of the control of the contr

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Noteworthy—Crowder was one assist shy of a triple-double, recording 11 rebounds and 9 assists. Brice grabbed 12 rebounds and Yudiski 6 for Rota. Kelsey Anderson led Condon Central with 10 rebounds. London beneficial (46 overall) next plays at Memwith belief and (45 overall) next plays and 11-North doubleheader.

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Ansbach 16 24 12 15–67
Top scorers—Hoh: Vanessa Turrer 10, Lisa
Mayhew 8, Ashley Gauss 8; Ans: Brittney Britton 22, Aligon Hazen 14, Kele- Johnson 12.
Noteworthy—Britton had 5 rebounds and 4
assists, Hazen had 4 steals and 3 assists,
James had 4 steals on 10 Italy
—Hoheritel 53, Ansbach 10 Italy

Lady Falcons take two from Panthers

Stars and Strines

The Vilseck girls still have Hanau's number.

Less than a year after the Falcons stunned previously unbeaten and top-seeded Hanau in dou ble-overtime in the semifinals of the European Division II tournament, Vilseck took a pair of home wins from the Lady Panthers — 40-26 on Friday and 34-27 on Saturday. LaPorchea Sanders posted a

double-double in each game, making a pair of three-point shots in a 16-point, 14-rebound effort on Friday, and three threes in an 18-point, 19-rebound outing on Saturday.

Sanders' scoring and rebounding were crucical, but according to Vilseck coach John Mitchell, his inside trio of Eboney Chambers, Jessica Linka and Terrikka Foust was just as key. "I cannot say enough about the

play of our inside players," he said after they held All-Europe first-team forward Katisha Fauntleroy to just six points on Friday and just one point on Satur-

"They were helping down low and moving with her from side to side," Mitchell said.

The wins allowed Vilseck (9-1 overall. 5-1 in D-II) to keep within striking distance of Mannheim for the Division II lead Mannheim is 9-2 and 5-0 in D-II after road victories on Friday and Saturday at AFNORTH and SHAPE. Mannheim and Hanau (8-3.

4-1) play Friday.

Next up for Vilseck are non-conference road games Friday and Saturday in Aviano against Aviano and Naples.
In other games of note on Fri-

day and Saturday: Lady Bison escape SHAPE

At SHAPE, Belgium, Man-nheim outscored SHAPE 7-5 in the first period Saturday and made the margin stand up for a 25-23 victory over the defensively

tough Lady Spartans. Vicky Kearney, who led all re-bounders with 13, blocked two shots, and teammate Ashley McGee, who scored a game-high 16 points, pulled off seven steals to blunt the Mannheim offense.

Kelsey Chavarria, whose inside play was key to Mannheim's 47-35 conference victory at 47-35 conference victory at AFNORTH on Friday, scored nine points to lead the Lady Bison. Amanda Knox scored eight points, and had 11 steals nd seven rebounds.
SHAPE fell to 1-11 and 1-4 and

next plays at AFNORTH this Saturday in a league game

Lady Admirals take command

At RAF Alconbury, England, Rota established itself as a Division III team force by posting easy victories over Alconbury and London Central in their first games of the season against

DODDS-Europe opponents.

The Lady Admirals thumped
Alconbury 45-15 on Friday night, even though All-Europe scoring ace Samantha Crowder focused on defense with a game-high nine rebounds. Kerry Yudiski and Cindy Brice

each scored 12 points for Rota in a game it led 31-5 at halftime. Saturday, Rota routed London Central 57-25 behind a near tri-

ple-double by Crowder: 20 points. 11 rebounds and nine assists.
Rota led 27-13 at halftime.

Kaiserslautern rebounds

At Brussels, Belgium, Kaiserslautern ended a two-game losing streak with a 44-38 Division I overtime victory over International School of Brussels on Saturday.

The game was tied at 20 at the end of three quarters, and at 34 at the end of regulation. Bianca Gerena Perez scored 19

points to help the Lady Raiders. who had nonconference losses at Heidelberg on Tuesday and at ISB on Friday, improve their overall record to 7-2 and 2-0 in D-I. Their next game is a nonconference match Tuesday night at

Wiesbaden. ISB (9-3, 2-3) closes out its season at Würzburg this Friday and Saturday.

Visiting Aviano hands Sigonella first loss

At Sigonella, Italy, Kassie Mangosing scored 14 points and Ramstein transfer Katie Cordova 11 as Aviano downed Sigonella

Aviano (9-3 overall, 6-1 in American Schools in Italy League) hosts Vilseck and Patch this weekend in a preview of the European D-II tournament Feb. 22-26 in Mannheim, Germany.

Sigonella (11-1, 4-1) will collect a pair of forfeits this weekend against a disbanded Livorno team, then travel to Naples on Feb. 18-19 for a showdown against the unbeaten Lady Wild-



Marino, Young voted into Pro Football Hall of Fame

BY BARRY WILNER
The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Dan Marino and Steve Young made it a great day for quarterbacks when both were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Marino, the most prolific passer in NFL history, and Young, whose accuracy and speed made him one of football's most versatile QBs, were joined by Bennie Friedman, an early-era quarterback and Fritz Pollard.

Each received at least 80 percent of the votes from the panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Friedman and Pollard were nominated by the senior committee and chosen by the full panel. Induction ceremonies will be

Aug. 7 in Canton, Ohio.

"It's an incredible honor," Marino said. "It's humbling to think of growing up wanting to be a professional football player.

"Let's overrun Canton with Dolphins fans. I invite you all to Canton and to have some fun."

When Marino left the Miami Dolphins after the 1999 season, he led the NFL with 4,967 completions, 8,358 passes, 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns. His record of 48 TD passes in a season was broken this season by Peyton Manning.

Although he never won a Super Bowl, Marino was the 1984 league MVP, made three All-Pro teams and nime Pro Bowls. When the retired, he owned 21 NFI marks, including most season with 3,000 yards or more passing (13); most yards passing in one season (5,084 in '84, the only year he won a conference champion-ship); and most games with 300 yards or more passing (63).

Young, the first modern-era leit-handed quarterback elected, won the 199S Super Bowl with San Francisco and was the league's most valuable player in 1992 and 994. A clever runner with a strong arm and great field vision, Young arm and great field vision, Young made seven Pro Bowls and was a three-time All-Pro. He held the highest passer rating in league history (96.8) when he retired in '99, He also set the highest season rating of 112.8, which Manning also broke this season.

"Not many Hall of Famers come out of Greenwich, Conn." Young said with a chuckle." I took a unique road, starting with being left-handed. I had a college coach, LaVell Edwards, who took a chance on a wild, crazy left-handed running quarterback from Connecticut."

Pollard not only was the first

black head coach in the NFL, in 1921, but a superb player, too. A running back, he led the Akron Pros to the fledgling league's 1920 championship with an undefeated record.

He later organized the Chicago Brown Bombers, an independent team of black players that barnstormed the country from

Friedman played for four teams from 1927-34 and was one of the early NFL's great quarter-backs. A contemporary of Red Grange, he also was a strong draw at the box office. Glants owner Tim Mara purchased the Detroit Wolverines, for whom Friedman played in 1928, not only to get him in New York's lineup but to fill the stands.

"We both appreciate and honor the people who played in another era," Young said, speaking for Marino, as well. "You're talking about having a passion for the game. We're here on the backs of so many other players.

"This is important Fritz Pollard and what he meant for the game. There's a foundation there we are able to ioin arms with."

Michael Irvin and Harry Carson, the other two finalists, did not get the required votes for in-

Expedition Shelters



Courtesy Willow Grove Air Reserve Statio

Maj. James Devere of the Air Force Reserve's 913th Airlift Wing speaks with Hank Fraley, Philadelphia Eagles center, during last summer's unveiling of new Eagles logos on the wing's C-130E tails.

Wings showing true colors for big game

BY LEO SHANE III

WASHINGTON — Members of

the Air Force Reserve's 913th Airlift Wing have sworn to defend all of America, but this weekend they are rooting against those New England states. One look at the suburban Phila-

One look at the suburban Philadelphia unit's C-130E aircraft shows why: Emblazoned on each plane just beneath Old Glory sits the Philadelphia Eagles logo, showing that Eagles' green is second in their hearts only to the red, white and blue.

Of course, some true patriots from Westover Air Reserve Base near Springfield, Mass., would never support that color scheme. The planes of the 439th Airlift Wing there have only red, white and blue additions on them, both in the flag and in their beloved New England Patriots logo. While the two units share a com-

mon bond, there was no agreement on how a successful mission in the Super Bowl would end. Several members of Willow

Several members of Willow Grove Air Reserve Station's 913th watched regular-season Eagles victories during early morning support shifts in Kuwati, while about 15 of the Westow while 342nd Aerial Port Squadron who deployed to Afghanistan last week are rooting for a second straight world championship from the other side of the globe.

"The thing I'll really miss is watching the game at home, because I'd usually be the one having a big party," Staff Sg. Dan Reeve, a Massachusetts native and lifelong Patriots fan, said Thursday. But they promised us we would be able to watch the game on our Monday morning shifts.

"I've brought a big Patriots flag, and we'll make do and cheer them on from here."

Reeve said his unit shipped out just hours after the Patriots AFC championship game win over the Steelers, so he didn't have time to call and ridicule his Pittsburgh friends before leaving the country.

But he and the other members of the 42nd do have fellow reservist Tech. Sgt. Kathy Busch, a loyal Steelers fan, to ridicule. "They have been riding me

since the day we got here," Busch said, laughing. "I'm a die-hard Steelers fan, but I do love the Patriots, too, so I'll be rooting for them. "But even if I do, they'll still give me grief."

Master Sgts. William Benedetti and George Ruminer of the 913th said they put up with a fair amount of ridicule, too. When they deployed to Kuwait, it was with other reservists and active duty

units from all over the country.

"There were plenty of people who hated the Eagles as much as we loved them," Benedetti said.
"But when we got together to watch a game, we had some guys who could give an E-A-G-Le-S cheer that just about cleared the

Both men primarily worked early morning shifts, Benedetti said he usually caught the first quarter of the Sunday contest before he left for work, and Ruminer said he usually finished up in time for the second half. "I used to be a Giants fan be-

fore I started with (the 913th),"
Ruminer said. "But I showed up
to one training day with a New
York shirt on, and they worked on
me all day. Eventually, they converted me into an Eagles fan."

This year, Super Bowl Sunday is a training day for the 913th, and officers have already promised to let everyone go well before kickoff. Both Benedetti and Ruminer said they'll enjoy a game with their families, something they couldn't do during the regular season.

The deployed members of the

42nd Aerial Squadron won't see their families again for four months, but another New England win will help ease some of that homesick feeling.

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Common sense approaches

Belichick and Reid have built teams using same philosophy: Win as team

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Andv Reid and Bill Belichick have almost nothing in com-mon. And yet Andy Reid and Bill Belichick have almost everything in common.

When Reid's Philadelphia Eagles and Beli-

chick's New England Patriots meet in Sunday's Super Bowl, the similarities will be much more important: Both teams are as well constructed and well meshed as possible in an era when free agency and the salary cap force annual changes

It's all in the team philosophy, a concept eas ily preached, less easily followed.
"We understand that no one guy on the

team is bigger than anyone else, Simon of the Eagles said this week, a couple of hours before New England's Deion Branch said: "No one cares about individual glory.

We're a team, not a collection of individuals."
That applies even to players who don't fit the mold, like Corey Dillon of the Patriots, a malcontent in Cincinnati who has thrived in New England, and the Eagles' Terrell Owens. who on Tuesday declared he will play Sunday after being out since Dec. 19 with a severe ankle injury

Yes, Owens is a showboat who calls atten tion to himself even when he's only prancing on the sideline. But he wanted to leave a declining team in San Francisco because he wanted to win, which is what the Eagles do: 56-25 in the past five seasons.

In one way, Owens' injury demonstrates the team concept preached by both coaches.

The Eagles won both their playoff games without Owens, and the Patriots went the sec ond half of the season without their starting cornerbacks, using undrafted rookie Randall Gay and second-year man Asante Samuel as starters and wide receiver Troy Brown as nickel back. Belichick was rewarded for his faith when Brown had three interceptions Again, the team approach is working in New England — and Philadelphia.

"T.O. is a piece of the puzzle, not the entire puzzle," Simon said. That stars can be interchangeable parts

isn't an accident with these teams.

Brown, who caught 281 passes between

2000-2002, was working out at defensive back in training camp in preparation for the very kind of emergency in the secondary that devel-oped. Reid acknowledges he wouldn't hesitate to use a star out of position.

"We just were lucky enough not to have that number of injuries in the same spot," he said If their outlooks are similar, the back-grounds of the two Super Bowl coaches are polar opposites.

Belichick, son of a career assistant coach at Navv. is Eastern elite. He attended the exclusive Phillips Andover Academy (the alma mater of, among others, the late baseball Commissioner Bart Giamatti, Humphrey Bogart, Dr. Benjamin Spock and both President Bush es). Then it was on to academically challeng-ing Weslevan University in Connecticut.

where he was a 160-pound center/ tight end.
Reid is West Coast plebeian, a member of the Glendale Junior College Hall of Fame and an offensive lineman at BYU on teams quarterbacked by Jim McMahon. The last time he saw 160 pounds was probably when he was 10 years old. At well over 300 these days, he ridi cules himself with fat-guy jokes. Belichick, who was breaking down film of

Navy games and opponents before he was a teenager, entered the NFL as a special assistant coach for Detroit in 1975 at age 23.

At 31, he was defensive coordinator of the New York Giants and won Super Bowl rings with them in the 1986 and 1990 seasons. At 38, he was head coach of the Cleveland Browns, where he was just 37-45 in four years.



ndy Reid joined Mike Holmgren's Packers staff in 1992 and won a Super Bowl in 1997. Andy Reid coaching record



He was fired after going 5-11 in '95, when owner Art Modell announced in midseason he was moving the franchise to Baltimore.

Reid took the more traditional route, climbing the coaching ladder from college to the pros. He went from BYU to San Francisco State to Northern Arizona to Texas-El Paso to

Missouri before landing on Mike Holmgren's coaching staff in Green Bay in 1992. Belichick already had won two Super Bowls

Reid earned a ring as an assistant with the Packers, who beat the Patriots in 1997, when Belichick was assistant head coach to Bill Par-

The biggest differences are the two titles in the last two seasons that Belichick won as a head coach. If the Patriots win Sunday, Belichick will become the first coach to win three Super Bowls in four years.

Given the circumstances, Bill Belichick has done maybe the best coaching job in the history of the NFL," said Jimmy Johnson, who won titles in Dallas after the 1992 and 1993 seasons but quit before the Cowboys secured their third title in 1995 under Barry Switzer.



Pats coach Bill Belichick was breaking down film of Navy games before he was a teenager.

As recently as five years ago, no one would have even considered such success for Belichick after his contentious four seasons in Cleveland and the circumstances of his hiring in New England.

He had followed Parcells from Foxboro to

New York in 1997 with the provision he would become head coach when the man most thought of as his mentor stepped down. Par-cells indeed quit as Jets coach after the 1999 season and Belichick got the job.

He quit a day later. Belichick, concerned about the Jets' uncertain ownership, wanted to go to New England. The Jets fought it, and the Parcells-Belichick relationship was severed. After negotiations that included a court fil-

ing, he ended up with the Patriots for a package of draft picks that included a first-rounder in 2000. When Belichick is asked these days to name his football influences, he never mentions Parcells, for whom he worked the better part of two decades. At the time, the enisode seemed curious

Why, Patriots owner Robert Kraft was often asked, would he give so much for a coach with a losing record who was acknowledged to be the NFL's most cerebral coach, but not much of a motivator.

"I got to know him the first time he was with us and I thought he was the brightest coach I'd ever met," Kraft said. "I knew all the reservations, but I also knew what I was getting. I don't know that I thought we'd win Super Bowls like we are, but I knew we'd have a playoff game each year."

There were similar questions about Reid, who was 5-11 in 1999, his first year in Philadelphia, when few people knew much about him and he was almost monosyllabic in most of his public interviews

All they really needed to know was he used the second pick in the draft on Donovan Mc-Nabb when there was serious pressure on him to take running back Ricky Williams. With Mc-Nabb at quarterback, Reid and the Eagles have made five straight playoff appearances, gone to the NFC title game four straight times and finally got to the Super Bowl this year.

"I wanted a coach who was comfortable with himself, not the kind who always has to think he has to prove something to his players and the public," owner Jeffrey Lurie said. "That was Andy. I think the record proves I west in the said of the said." was right.

and Eagles match up in the Super Bowl:

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Hank Fraley (63).

Philadelphia's ordinary group of supporting receivers for T.O. has played well in the postseason, particularly Fredelie Mitchell (84) and the emerging Greg Lewis (83), a deep threat. The loss of TE

SPECIAL TEAMS The biggest edge is at PK, but only be-cause Adam Vinatieri (4) has made so many pressure-packed kicks, including two to win Super Bowls. His range is not

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Philadelphia has been trying oh so hard to get here. Now that the Eagles are in the Super Bowl, will they be satisfied confident and play their best football? Andy Reid has turned around this fran-chise and the Eagles have been the NFC's best in this decade — until late Jan-

ably will see defensive coordinato Romeo Crennel get the head coaching job in Cleveland, where Belichick him self once was head man. Will the Patri ots give them a championship send-off:

- Barry Wilner, The Associated Press



New England's Adam Vinatieri, 32

years old, has kicked last-second

game-winning field goals in two of

Which presents Philadelphia

If that happens, they're beaten

with yet another challenge: treat-

ing the Patriots with too much re-

before they take the field at Alltel

Stadium, and Vinatieri won't

need to match his last-second

Super Bowl-winning kicks, Nor

will Brady have to stage any late

heroics. Matters will be decided

McNabb echoing Reid's state

"It's a slap in the face" to hear

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"The important thing going into

these games, and what I've

learned is you need to be well-nre-

pared," Brady said. "When you're

prepared, you're confident going into a game, you're calm. You have the answers to the test. The Eagles answered just about every test this season, but those were like midterms New England in the Super Bowl is the

No less an expert than Belichick knows they can if his team

"They are a very complete team," he said. "They led the

NFC wire to wire. I don't think

"There's no question that they

not only deserve to be here

you could do much more. "They have been running out the clock since the end of November waiting to get it over with, because they had everything wrapped up. They came back and nlayed well against Minnesota and shut down Atlanta.

eryone outside of Philly expects

to see it again Sunday.

final - pass or fail So are the Eagles up to winning Philly's first championship since 1960, seven years before the

Super Bowl existed?

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Prime-time players

New England has proven performers in the clutch: Philly's seem untested

BY BARRY WILNER The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - With the game on the line, the New England Patriots hardly lack for clutch players - Tom Brady.

Adam Vinatieri, Rodney Harrison. With the game on the line, no one is sure if the Philadelphia Eagles have the kind of performers who could lift them past the defending champions in Sunday's Super Bowl.

Though Philly's track record before this year wasn't promising three straight NFC championship game flops - the Eagles insist past failures were erased when they won the conference title.

They'd better be correct, be cause the Patriots simply don't get stressed out, particularly in the Super Bowl, which they've won two of the past three seasons.

"We haven't been to the Super , but we're battle-tested, said All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins, the leader of a defense that includes one starter who has played in the big game - end Jevon Kearse with Tennessee in 2000. "We've been tested in champion-ship games. We feel pressure year after year and we know how to win in those situations.'

They hadn't won in crucial situations, though, until beating Atlanta to avoid becoming the first franchise to lose four straight NFC title games. The Patriots have

won eight consecutive postse games with Brady at quarterback and Bill Belichick as coach, and they are seven-point favorites over Philadelphia.

"I don't feel we're at a disadvantage," coach Andy Reid said. "They go in and think they are as good as anybody in the NFL, but they understand they have to prove it every Sunday

Especially against a team on the verge of being considered a dynasty. Not only are there questions about how the Eagles might perform on such a stage, but there are no questions about how the Patriots will deal with it. They've already successfully displayed their steely nerves and skills under the burning spotlight - twice.



Patriots QB Tom Brady has led two last-minute drives that have resulted in Super Bowl victories.

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More likely, as Brady noted, those teammates will stay.

"Anyone who plays on the Pats understands that our goal is a team goal," he said. "You make sacrifices to fit into a general structure of what the team is trying to accomplish.

What the Patriots are trying to accomplish is to equal the Cowboys' three titles in four seasons (1992, '93 and '95) under far more difficult circumstances. Just ask Jimmy Johnson, who coached the first two of those championship teams in Dallas.

"Yeah, I think they are a dynasty since the salary-cap era," Johnson said. "I think the job Bill Belichick and that organization and his coaches have done might he the best coaching job ever in the history of the NFL. Because when you get free agency and movement and you've got to get them ready to play not only every year but every week, a dif ferent group, vou've got to be a pretty good football coach."

Andy Reid has shown he's a good coach, too, getting the Eagles to four straight NFC title games They finally got back to the Super Bowl — first time in 24 years by beating Atlanta last month.

Even if the Eagles fail Sunday don't expect them to fade away.

They have \$18 million available to spend, and though six starters are unrestricted free igents - Corey Simon, Jermane Mayberry, Jeremiah Trotter, Derrick Burgess, Chad Lewis and Jon Ritchie — only losing Trotter would be particularly damaging.

New England Patriots

ers signed to long-term contracts. including Donovan McNabb, Terrell Owens, Jevon Kearse, Brian Dawkins, Lito Sheppard, Michael Lewis and Sheldon Brown

Kearse was signed as a free agent last year and Owens was acquired in a trade.

Also, the NFC is a mess, with the Eagles far superior to other teams. The Patriots don't have that luxury in the stacked AFC.

Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie styled his organization after such past dynasties as the Cowboys and 49ers. Minus the championships, his franchise is similar to Kraft's.

"We are the two winningest teams this decade," Lurie said. "Both invested well over \$300 million in new stadiums. We each hired coaches in an unorthodox fashion - us a non-coordinator and Bob trading for Bill.

"Both teams are built around franchise quarterbacks. Both are high-character teams. There are a lot of similar value systems for each team. We each place a high value on the quality of people in our organization. And it's not just high character, but high intelligence — people who like to think outside the box and people willing to make controversial and unpopular decisions. We both understand that decisions need to be made that sustain the long-term excellence of the franchise.

Most of those decisions have been on target. Even though the Patriots or Eagles will lose Sunday, they could have something else in common next year, and the year after.

More Super Bowl appearances. Dhiladalahia Fadaa

Game-by-game results









Regular season (13-3)		WK	Regular season (14-2)		
N.Y. Giants	31-17	1	Indianapolis	27-24	
Minnesota	27-16	2	at Arizona	23-12	
at Detroit	30-13	3	Bye		
at Chicago	19-9	4	at Buffalo	31-17	
Bye		5	Miami	24-10	
Carolina	30-8	6	Seattle	30-20	
at Cleveland	34-31	7	N.Y. Jets	13-7	
Baltimore	15-10	8	at Pittsburgh	20-34	
at Pittsburgh	3-27	9	at St. Louis	40-22	
at Dallas	49-21	10	Buffalo	29-6	
Washington	28-6	11	at Kansas City	27-19	
at N.Y. Giants	27-6	12	Baltimore	24-3	
Green Bay	47-17	13	at Cleveland	42-15	
at Washington	17-14	14	Cincinnati	35-28	
Dallas	12 - 7	15	at Miami	28-29	
at St. Louis	7-20	16	at N.Y. Jets	23-7	
Cincinnati	10-38	17	San Francisco	21-7	

Playoffs (2-0)		RD	Playoffs (2-0)	
Minnesota	27-14		Indianapolis	20-3
Atlanta	27-10		at Pittsburgh	41-27

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they've done about as much as you could possibly do this year as a football team." The final proving ground is Sun-

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5 Donovan McNabb	OB 6-2 240					
8 Dirk Johnson	P 6-0 205					
10 Koy Detmer	OR 6-1 195					
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20 Brian Dawkins	FS 6-0 210					
21 Matt Ware	CB 6-2 210					
22 Eric McCoo	RB 5-10 210					
24 Sheldon Brown	CB 5-10 200					
25 Dorsey Levens	RB 6-1 230					
26 Lito Sheppard	CB 5-10 194					
29 Roderick Hood	CB 5-11 196					
30 J.R. Reed	S 5-11 202					
31 Dexter Wynn	CB 5-9 177					
32 Michael Lewis	SS 6-1 211					
34 Reno Mahe	RB 5-10 212					
36 Brian Westbrook 46 Quintin Mikell	RB 5-10 205 S 5-10 206					
	S 5-10 206 FB 6-2 250					
49 Josh Parry 50 Mark Simoneau	LB 6-0 234					
51 Nate Wayne	LB 6-0 234 LB 6-0 237					
53 Hugh Douglas	DE 6-2 281					
54 Jeremiah Trotter	LB 6-1 262					
55 Dhani Jones	LB 6-1 240					
56 Derrick Burgess	DE 6-2 266					
57 Keith Adams	LB 5-11 223					
58 Ike Reese	LB 6-2 222					
59 Mike Labinjo	LB 6-0 241					
63 Hank Fraley	G 6-2 300					
65 Jamaal Green	DE 6-2 272					
66 Trey Darilek	G 6-5 310					
68 Steve Sciullo	G 6-5 325 T 6-7 330 T 6-4 325					
69 Jon Runyan	T 6-7 330					
71 Jermané Mayberry	T 6-4 325					
72 Tra Thomas	T 6-7 349 C 6-4 312					
76 Alonzo Ephraim 77 Artis Hicks	T 6-4 312					
78 Hollis Thomas	DT 6-0 306					
79 Ian Allen	T 6-4 310					
80 Billy McMullen	WR 6-4 210					
81 Terrell Owens	WR 6-3 226					
82 L.J. Smith	WR 6-3 226 TE 6-3 258					
83 Greg Lewis 84 Freddie Mitchell						
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85 Jeff Thomason	TE 6-5 255					
87 Todd Pinkston	WR 6-3 180 TE 6-4 245					
88 Mike Bartrum	TE 6-4 245					
90 Corey Simon	DT 6-2 293					
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95 Jerome McDougle	DE 6-2 264					
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A malcontent in Cincy, Dillon's well-adjusted in New England

BY JIMMY GOLEN The Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE. Fla. - He heard himself called a selfish player, a malcontent, a bad teammate. What really got to Corey Dillon was that for the first seven years of his career he never heard anyone call him a winner.

'For years, I really lost hope," the New England Patriots running back said as he prepared to play the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl. "I really thought I'd never get to this stage, but I just kept pressing. ... I love going to work and working hard to try to help this organization win."

Dillon had never been in the playoffs before this year, slogging through in Cincinnati, growing dissat-

isfied with losing and the team's increasing dependence on him to carry the offense. He ran for a then-record 278 yards in a game in 2000, and he had more than 1,100 yards in each of his first six sea-

But in 2003 his last year in Cincinnati, he injured his groin and grumbled about becoming part of the "Bungles" legacy of "Bungles" legacy of losing. He wanted out, and by that time the Bengals were happy to get rid of him. It was almost unfair when the defending Super Bowl champs got Dillon for a second-round draft pick on the Massachusetts holiday called Patriots Day.

Antowain Smith was a steady but unspectacular running back on championship teams, and there was no doubt Dillon was an ungrade. But would be fit the team-first atti-tude of the New England locker room, where dissension is dis-couraged and going public with your com plaints is just not done? In vetting Dillon

with his former teammates, coaches and friends, the Patriots concluded he wouldn't be a problem at all.

"He was a heck of a player with the Cincinnati Bengals, and he's been really good with said Scott Pioli the Patriots' head of player personnel. "All of us have reputations that precede us. So you sit with a person, man or woman, and find out what and who they are for yourself. We try to avoid judging people before we spend time

Dillon was concerned enough about his reputation that he addressed his new teammates when he arrived, asking them to keep an open mind. They did, and Dillon thrived in a system where no player is the focus of the offense in a locker room where no player is treated like a star.

"Nobody really passed judgment on me," Dillon said. "I'm pretty sure that it was in everyone's mind: Let's see what this guy is all about and see if the rumors are true. But just right off the bat, everyone

He ran for more than 100 yards in nine of 15 games this year - and never for fewer than 79. He missed the biggest game of the regular season, at Pittsburgh, with a thigh injury. Without him, New England ran for 5 yards on six carries and lost to the Steelers on Oct. 31, ending its 21-game winning streak and costing it home-field advantage for the AFC title game.

In his playoff debut against the Colts on Jan. 16 Dillon carried 23 times for 144 yards as the Patriots ran Indianapolis out of the postseason, earning him the nickname "Clock-Killin' Dillon."

"You have to hit him. You have to play sound fundamental football" to stop Dillon, Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter said.

"He is a big guy. He is a guy who will run hard and try to run over you, but he can break the big one. You definitely have to have a lot of guys around him with the football."
And that opens the

field for the passing

"He's added a great element to this team, quarterback Tom Brady said. "He brings toughness to the offense just by the way he runs the ball, and he's very excited. You can tell in practice.'

Even as he dis-tanced himself from teammates and media in Cincinnati, no one ever questioned Dillon's work ethic or his talent But he recoiled when asked to be a leader in the locker room, and he began complaining when a groin injury forced him to share the job with Rudi Johnson. After the last game

of his final season there, he threw his pads, spikes and jersey into the stands, then cleaned out his locker His teammates criticized him, and the Bengals had no choice but to trade him.

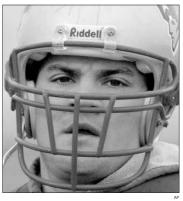
Dillon acknowledged he brought to New En-gland "that stigma of being a bad guy in the locker room and being selfish." But he has maintained he was only worn down by year

after year of losing.
"I think the thing that irritated me the most was when they said that I was a cancer to the team. That really kind of ruffled me a little bit." Dillon said. "For a guy that

for seven years, went out and put his heart and soul on that field and at the end of the day be looked upon as the reason why we weren't successful that rubbed me the wrong way.'

No matter what happens Sunday, Dillon has al-ready shed his image as a malcontent. Should the Pa-

triots win, he will have a new reputation.
"I like to compete and win," he said. "That's how I
was brought up from Pop Warner. I wanted to win that bad. At times my behavior may have been sporadic, but I was [angry]. I wanted to win. Now I'm getting an opportunity to."



Patriots coach Bill Belichick said of middle linebacker Tedy Bruschi (above), "He just has a great sense of how to play football

The face of the Patriots

New York Daily News

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The New England Patriots think of themselves as a team, but if there is one individual who personifies that team, it is middle linebacker Tedy Bruschi.

Bruschi never has been to a Pro Bowl in nine seasons in New England, but this is his fourth Super Bowl and third season as defensive captain.

He is one of many Patriots who does everything well. And he is one subject that Bill Belichick has no problem talking about.

"It's huge," he said of Bruschi's presence in the middle of the defense. "Bruschi is a fun player to coach. He's got great versatility, a very high level of energy and enthusiasm that he brings to the team. He's a smart player. He instinctively seems to do every-

thing right in the right situation. "He's a guy you want on your special teams and he's involved in a lot of situations defensively from subdefense to goal line and all the things in between

Bruschi never comes up in a discussion of great middle linebackers. He's no Ray Lewis. But Bruschi fits Belichick's blueprint for versatility. The coach recalled times when

Bruschi was put in unfamiliar sit-

"You can't go over everything that happens. You might be stand-ing there, saying, 'We've never gone over this with Tedy.' Well, he almost always does the right thing," Belichick said. "He just knows how to play. He knows how to play with power, he knows when to try to squish people in the pass rush, he knows when to tack-le a guy low and when to try to go

sense of how to play football

"Obviously, Tedy is that focus point for us," linebacker Mike Vrabel said. "He's the defensive captain, he calls the signals and makes lot of huge plays. Every week, it's a pick, a fumble ... he's going to do something.

Bruschi is not one of the five Patriots heading to the Pro Bowl (two are special teamers), along with 10 Eagles. Asked if he cared, he said, "Look at me. Do I look like I care?

"Our identity," he said, "is the word team

When Bruschi was told he is the personification of that team. he blushed

"I think that's the highest compliment you can give me," he said. Because I'm just being who I am and who I was raised to be, a team player. I'm not looking for the spotlight, just looking for how to win.

'We sort of look for guys who can do more than just one thing. Vrabel was a defensive end in col-lege, so was Willie McGinest. To play on this team, you've got to be multi-dimensional because when we're playing out there on Sunday, everything is in our repertoire.

Bruschi was an undersized defensive tackle at Arizona, where he tied Derrick Thomas' career sack record with 52. He was a two-time finalist for the Lombardi Award.

"You look at him and you can't even picture him as a defensive tackle, yet he was one of the best in the country," Belichick said.

But after starting his career on the line (he picked up two sacks in the 1997 Super Bowl) he worked his way into a part-time linebacker spot the next season. By the end of '98, he was a fixture. Now, he's a symbol.



In his first season with the New England Patriots, Corey Dillon (28) broke Curtis Martin's franchise record for rushing vards in a season, set in 1995.

Patriot missile

Corey Dillon's career rushing statistics in the NFL:

Year Team	Gms.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	
2004 N.E.	15	1,635	4.7	12	
2003 Cin.	13	541	3.9	2	
2002 Cin.	16	1,311	4.2	7	
2001 Cin.	16	1,315	3.9	10	
2000 Cin.	16	1,435	4.6	7	
1999 Cin.	15	1,200	4.6	5	
1998 Cin.	15	1,130	4.3	4	
1997 Cin.	16	1,129	4.8	10	
Totals	122	9,696	4.4	57	



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Westbrook key for Philly offense

Elusive Pro-Bowl running back proves indispensable for Eagles

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla With each fake and every juke,
 Brian Westbrook leaves defenders grabbing for air and coaches searching for answers.

The New England Patriots will get a first-hand look at the elusive Pro Bowl running back when they play the Philadelphia Eagles

in the Super Bowl on Sunday. "He's such a great athlete," Patriots safety Eugene Wilson said. "He can run, he can catch ... he's fast. They do a lot of things with him. We have to be ready

The versatile Westbrook became one of the NFL's best all-around players in his first season as the Eagles' primary running back. He ran for 812 yards and three touchdowns and led all backs with 73 catches for 703 yards and six TDs in just 13

Not bad for a guy considered too small to be more than just a third-down back in the NFL.

"When people put that label on me, I hear it and I keep going, said Westbrook, generously listed at 5-foot-10 and 205 pounds. "But my ambition and my goals are what drive me.

"I think because of my size and where I went to school, people put that tag on me pretty early without even giving me the opportunity to be a feature running back. I think that was wrong That's what analysts do, that's what people do. For me, I just have to go along my way and prove them wrong

The speedy Westbrook set an NCAA record with 9,885 all-purpose yards, including 84 TDs in 46 games, for Division I-AA Villanova. A third-round pick in 2002, he has developed into one of the Eagles' most indispensable

With Westbrook sidelined with a triceps injury last season, the Eagles couldn't get past the NFC championship game, their third loss in a row in the title game. When they finally made it to the Super Bowl on this try, All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens was missing but not Westbrook

"He's a triple threat just like Marshall Faulk was, the blocker, the catcher, the runner," quarterback Donovan McNabb said, comparing Westbrook to St. Louis' running back and past NFL MVP. "He's very intelligent and able to do whatever it takes to win."

If only he were a few inches tall, er, Westbrook might have been ying in the NBA instead of the NFL. He grew up excelling in foot-ball and basketball, but colleges weren't interested in his hoops skills because of his size

"My dreams got shot down early," Westbrook said.

Still, he insists he can beat Mc-Nabb in a one-on-one pickup

"He's a pretty good player, but he can't take me," said McNabb, who was a seldom-used guard at

On the football field, Westbrook is difficult to defend because he isn't easy to find. Though he spends much of his

Syracuse



Philadelphia Eagles' Brian Westbrook has become one of the NFL's best all-around players in his first season as the Eagles' primary running back. His versatility has impressed his teammates and his opponents.

time behind McNabh in the backfield, he is most dangerous when he lines up as a receiver.

Eagles coach Andy Reid sometimes splits Westbrook wide to the right or left, puts him in either slot or lets him go in motion.

The purpose is to create a mismatch, hoping Westbrook is covered by a linebacker or a safety.

If McNabb sees a favorable matchup on Westbrook, he quickly gets him the ball. The result usually is a long gain or a score.

"He can play every position on the field, whether it's the widest position in the slot, next to the tackle, as a split back, as a single back, or an I-tailback," offensive coordinator Brad Childress said. "You don't find many people like that. You see many people put there as decoys. He's able to strike from all those positions. me the most Westbrook could even be used

as a punt returner. He returned two punts for touchdowns last season, but wasn't used in that role this year because he's such a valuable member of the offense

Westbrook is more concerned with New England's defense and a linebacking corps that includes Willie McGinest and Tedy Brus-

"They're very good linebackers. They're very active, they're good tacklers, strong guys and very physical," Westbrook said. "So we have to do a good job of getting our linemen positioned to get on top of their linebackers. They do a good job of shedding blocks and making plays in the back-

"They're a very physical team.

His versatility is what impresses They have big guys who want to get right up in your face. For us, we have to be the aggressor."

Westbrook's success should translate into a bigger paycheck next season. He'll be a restricted free agent, meaning the Eagles can match any team's offer. With Duce Staley in Pittsburgh

and Correll Buckhalter missing two of the last three seasons with injuries, the Eagles can't afford to let Westbrook go and certainly have enough money under the salary cap to keep him.

'He has unbelievable athletic talent," Eagles tackle Jon Runyan said. "He is the kind of guy who can change direction and has the speed. His size makes him a smaller target and it sometimes makes it hard to bring him down. His feet aren't planted in the ground much because he's dancing around people. He is amaz-

Eagles' overshadowed defense one of best in league

By ROR MAADDI

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. - Jim Johnson spends countless hours studying game films, dissecting offenses, searching for weaknesses and plotting his attack.

The other defensive mastermind in this Super Bowl — New England's Bill Belichick owns the "genius" label - isn't high-profile and his unit is underrated. But Johnson has a knack for confusing quarterbacks and shutting down prolific offenses with his complex schemes

Brett Favre had his worst game of the season in Philadelphia. Daunte Culpepper struggled in the playoffs against the Eagles. Michael Vick never had a chance in the NFC championship game

Next up is Tom Brady and the Patriots in the Super Bowl.

Johnson, the Eagles' unpredictable de fensive coordinator, is busy cooking up another one of his innovative game plans.
"Coach Johnson has the ability to know

to make," Eagles linebacker Mark Simo-neau said Wednesday. "We come from a lot of different places. We drop a lot of different guys into coverage, so it's confusing for the backs and the offensive line. You have to have guys who can execute the game plan and we have talented players here."

Overshadowed by Donovan McNabb,

Terrell Owens and the rest of a high-powered offense, Philadelphia's star-studded defense, which includes four Pro Bowl players, is one of the best in the NFL When the games mattered, the Eagles

had the stingiest defense in the league, allowing 222 points in the first 15. They finished tied with the Patriots for second-fewest points allowed after the reserves gave up 38 in the meaningless regular-season finale against Cincinnati.

"There's a lot to be concerned about with those guys," said Brady, who has been MVP of two Super Bowls.

"They have playmakers at every position. They can force you to turn the ball over. They are very explosive on defense and you usually don't hear that.

The addition of defensive end Jevon Kearse almost equaled the impact Owens had on the offense. A disruptive force on the line, Kearse significantly bolstered the pass rush. Johnson utilized Kearse's speed by playing him at both end spots and sometimes at linebacker, confounding quarter-backs and the offensive line.

Philadelphia finished second in the league with 47 sacks, including 71/2 from Kearse, one of just five Eagles - and the only defensive starter — who have played in the Super Bowl. The Eagles get a lot of sacks from their secondary and linebackers because Johnson likes to blitz just about any player on any play.

The Patriots are getting ready for Philadelphia's aggressive style, though they're aware Johnson will adjust on the go.

If Brady has time to throw, he's going gainst a secondary that includes All-Pro free safety Brian Dawkins, Pro Bowl strong safety Michael Lewis, All-Pro cornerback Lito Sheppard and cornerback Sheldon Brown, who probably was Phila-

delphia's most consistent defensive back. Sheppard and Brown quickly earned respect with a strong performance against Minnesota's Randy Moss. They silenced critics who thought the Eagles would miss five-time Pro Bowl cornerback Troy Vin-

cent and nine-year starter Bobby Taylor.
Middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter solidified the run defense, which had been Philadelphia's only weakness, when he be-came a starter midway through the season. Trotter, who began the year playing spe cial teams, was so dominant that he earned his third trip to the Pro Bowl after making just seven starts.

Trotter, along with defensive tackles Corey Simon, Darwin Walker, Hollis Thomas and Sam Rayburn, are the key to stopping New England's Corey Dillon, who ran for 1,635 yards and 12 TDs.

Since 2000, Johnson's second year in Philadelphia, the Eagles are first in the NFL in fewest points allowed, sacks, red-zone per-centage and third-down efficiency.

Bibby leads Kings' improbable comeback

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Stephon Marbury was a blue-and-orange blur for much of the game, flying past Mike Bibby for basket after basket as the Knicks pulled away

from the Kings.

Bibby might not be the fastest point guard, but he always seems to finish well - and this time, he led an improbable rally that pushed injury-depleted Sacramento ahead by a nose.



Ribby scored 15 of his career-high 40 points in the fourth quarter, and Matt Barnes made the go-ahead free throw and two big defensive plays to cap the Kings

116-115 victory over New York on Friday night

Brad Miller had 35 points as the Kings came back from an 11-point deficit in the final 31/2 minutes, scoring nine points in the final 48 seconds to shock the Knicks despite the absence of three injured starters. Barnes scored 16 points, one shy of his career high, and also stole the ball from Penny Hardaway shortly before time ex-

Bibby and Marbury staged a scintillating point guard duel, and much of the sellout crowd cheered both guards' feats with equal enthusiasm. Marbury, the self-declared best point guard in the NBA, led New York to a comfortable lead with a season-high 37 points on 15-for-19 shooting. The Kings trailed 114-107 with a minute

"I wasn't going to give up, I'll tell you nat," Bibby said. "We were going to keep fighting until that buzzer went off. I've never had too many comebacks like that

How everybody played is unbelievable. Marbury and Knicks owner James er. The Knicks made nearly 62 percent of their shots and outrebounded the Kings 46-36 - but this might have been the most

disheartening loss in a season full of them. "This one is more disappointing than all of them," said Marbury, who scored 29 points after halftime, including 18 in the

third quarter. "We had them down, and we basically didn't put them down. Mike Bibby played great, the best I've ever seen him play Pacers 95, Mavericks 94: Jermaine

O'Neal scored 23 points and Anthony Johnson added a season-high 21, including two free throws with 4.6 seconds to go, to help host Indiana snap a six-game losing streak

The two free throws by Johnson, who did not miss a shot from the field, gave Indiana a 95-92 lead, and he intentionally fouled Dirk Nowitzki to avoid the possibility of a tying three-pointer. Nowitzki made the first free throw, then accidentally banked the second one in after trying to miss in hopes of a rebound.

Raptors 103, Wizards 100: At Toronto. Jalen Rose had 26 points, Rafer Alston scored all 16 of his points in the second half and Toronto overcame a 22-point deficit to match the biggest comeback in franchise

Donvell Marshall added 20 points for the Raptors, who also overcame a 22-point defi cit in a victory over Washington on April 19, 1996. On Wednesday night, Toronto rallied from a 19 point third-quarter deficit to heat Indiana

Antawn Jamison had 30 points and 11 rebounds for the Wizards in their season-high fourth straight loss. Gilbert Arenas had 21 points before being ejected in the third quarter.

76ers 103. Hawks 85: At Philadelphia.

Allen Iverson had 22 points and 12 assists and Kyle Korver made five three-pointers and scored 17 points for Philadelphia.

Korver hit four three-pointers in the third quarter then another early in the fourth after the Hawks pulled within single

Celtics 112, Magic 100: Raef LaFrentz scored seven of his 19 points in a 20-4 fourth-quarter run to help host Boston improve to 3-0 against Orlando this season.

Paul Pierce scored 18 points on a 5-for-16 shooting night, Gary Payton added 17 points and Ricky Davis had 16. Steve Francis scored 26 points for Orlando before fouling out with 2:39 to play. Hedo Turkoglu added 22 points.

Bucks 92, Clippers 90: At Milwaukee, Michael Redd scored 32 points, including the go-ahead basket with 15 seconds left for the Bucks.

Desmond Mason added 15 points for the Bucks to help end the Clippers' three-game winning streak and prevent Los Angeles (23-24) from climbing above the .500 mark for the first time in February since the 1992-93 season

Rockets 119, Timberwolves 113 (OT): Tracy McGrady had 40 points, 13 re-bounds and a clutch three-pointer in overtime, and Yao Ming added 23 points and 14 rebounds for visiting Houston.

Sam Cassell had 24 points and 11 assists, but missed a potential game-winner for the Timberwolves at the end of the fourth quar-

Warriors 90, Hornets 82: Derek Fisher and Mickael Pietrus combined for 10 points during a decisive fourth-quarter run, and host Golden State ended a six-game losing streak.

Jason Richardson had 25 points five rebounds and three assists for Golden State.



Sacramento Kings guard Mike Bibby, center, goes up for the shot against New York Knicks' Nazr Mohammed, left, and Stephon Marbury, right on Friday. Bibby scored a career-high 40 points to lead the Kings.

Pietrus finished with 15 points and seven rebounds, and Fisher added 14 points.

Trail Blazers 101, Bobcats 89: Damon Stoudamire and rookie Sebastian Telfair each scored 23 points to lead host Portland

Primoz Brezec had 17 points and 17 rebounds for the Bobcats.

past expansion Charlotte.

NBA scoreboard

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Arenas, Nash top candidates for All-Star reserves

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN The Associated Press

Now that the All-Star starters have been announced, it's time for the 30 NBA coaches to vote for the reserves

Each coach must select two guards, two forwards, one center and two other players but are not allowed to vote for members of their own teams. Results will be announced Tuesday.



starters Shaquille O'Neal, Grant Hill Vince

Allen Carter Iverson and LeBron James, while the West starters are Yao Ming. Tim Duncan, Kevin Garnett, Tracy Kohe Bryant and McGrady

Among the top candidates to be the reserves:

Eastern Conference

Guards: Gilbert Arenas, Washington. The NBA's No. 7 scorer with an average of 24.2 points, he is electrifying to watch with his uncanny knack for finding lanes to the basket combined with his abili-

ty to beat teams from outside (104 three-pointers).

Dwyane Wade, Miami. A virtual lock to be a first-time All-Star, he is the most exciting player to

watch on the Eastern Conference's best team.

Steve Francis. Orlando There's no leaving out this three-time All-Star who has led a post-McGrady resurgence.

Kirk Hinrich, Chicago. The comparisons to John Stockton are starting to seem justified for the savvy playmaker who has led the

Bulls to 12 victories in 15 games. Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton, Detroit, The defending NBA champions have one of the league's best backcourts, but their similar numbers (Billups averages 16.5 points and 6.3 assists; Hamilton 20.4 and 4.2) might

make it hard for voters to choose one over the other. Forwards: Jermaine O'Neal, Indiana. Fans chose Hill over O'Neal by a mere 65,000 votes. but the conference's most versa

tile low-post scorer should garner all 14 votes from the coaches Antawn Jamison, Washington. One of the league's best in-

side-outside threats, he's averag-ing 20.6 points and 8.2 rebounds. Drew Gooden, Cleveland. Has proven to be a more than adequate replacement for Carlos Boozer, averaging 14.9 points and

9.7 rebounds for the Cavaliers. Rasheed Wallace, Detroit. He could take away votes from Good-en and Jamison if coaches reward his role in helping the Pistons to last year's championship.

Centers: Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Cleveland. His experience, his team's success and his averages of 16.8 points might earn him a chance to improve on his only All-Star appearance.

Wallace, Detroit. The league's No. 2 rebounder and No. 3 shot-blocker will be hard to nass over

Western Conference

Guards: Steve Nash, Phoenix. The question isn't whether he's an All-Star, it's whether he's the guards ranked among the top 20 in field goal percentage (.517

Mike Bibby, Sacramento. Has developed into one of the steadiest backcourt players, a perfect initiator for Sacramento. Manu Ginobili, San Antonio. Gi-

nobili's scoring average of 15.9 points, along with his 49 percent shooting, make him a worthy candidate to be the only first-time All-Star from the West.

Ray Allen, Seattle. The game's best pure outside shooter seems a good bet to make his fifth All-Star appearance, especially given his average of 24.0 points.

Corey Maggette, L.A. Clippers. Wouldn't be fair to leave out a who's averaged team-high 21.1 points.

Forwards: Amare Stoudemire, Phoenix. It has been a breakout season for the 2003 rookie of the year, thanks in large part to the ability of Nash to set him up.

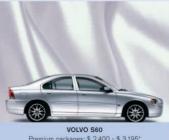
Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas. No chance the West's coaches will overlook the 7-foot German averaging 26.6 points (third in the NBA behind Iverson and Bryant) and 9.9 rebounds.

Shawn Marion, Phoenix. Will be interesting to see if the tight field squeezes out a player averaging 19.4 points and 10.9 rebounds, and who also has more steals (103) than anyone in the league.

Peja Stojakovic and Chris Web ber, Sacramento. Both are having strong seasons, but this could be another case of players' recent injuries giving coaches an excuse to leave them off their ballots.

Center: Brad Miller, Sacra-mento. His numbers (15.2 points, 9.3 rebounds, 3.7 assists) make a case that he'd be a more worthy starter than Yao (18.1, 8.4, 0.8).

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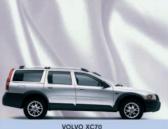
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Patriots, Eagles are likely in it for the long haul

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — New England Patriots vs. Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl 2005. And 2006. And 2007. Don't laugh. Both franchises are built to last, as much as any team can last in the topsy-turvy NFL of the salary-cap, free agency era.

Whether the Eagles win their first NFL championship since 1960 on Sunday, or the Patriots become the second team to win three Super Bowls in four years, both will be favorites to win conference titles next season. There is nothing fluky about either franchise.

"We try to use the same formula we use in business." Patriots owner Robert Kraft said. "And the primary thing is to get good people. And when you get good people who have a long-term commitment and share your vision on how you want to do things, then good things can happen."

Such as dominating the NFL in a period in which parity is rampant and 8-8 teams make the playoffs. Not only has Kraft hired the right people — coach Bill Belichick, vice president of player personnel Scott Pioli — but Belichick and Pioli have brought in players who fit perfectly.

That's hardly luck. Sure, they found Tom Brady in the sixth round of the 2000 draft, but they also held onto Brady by keeping four quarterbacks that season, the only team to do so. Pioli said.

And when Drew Bledsoe got hurt in the second game of 2001, in stepped Brady, who has yet to lose a playoff game. New England drafts well, particularly after the first

Under the current regime, the Pats have also gotten re-

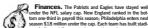
Teams built to last

The ton reasons behind the bright futures of the Patriots and Fagles



Coaching. New England's Bill Belichick (left) and Philadelphia's Andy Reid (right) are among the NFL's top coaches. Belichick has led the Patriots to three Super Bowls in four seasons while Reid has compiled a 64-32 record in six seasons guiding the Eagles





tom one-third in payroll this season; Philadelphia enters next season \$18 million under the cap. Each team has built stadins in the past three years to generate greater reven Attitude. Players on each team are devoted to the team-first philosophy, exemplified by New England's Troy Brown (left). The 12-year veteran who caught 281 passes



from 2000-02, played extensively at corn son and finished the regular season with 17 receptions Youth. Several of each teams' host players, like Philadelphia RB Brian Westbrook (left) and New England QB Tom Brady (right) are young. Westbrook is 25



Structure. Eagles owner Jeff Lurie (left) and Patriots owner Robert Kraft (right) have constructed model NFL franchises. Both hired top-notch executives do not meddle in personnel matters ar

years old and Brady is 27.



ceiver David Givens, center Dan Koppen, cornerback Asante Samuel and defensive lineman Jarvis Green in the fourth round or lower. In the second round have come starters Matt Light, Deion Branch and Eugene Wilson.

The Patriots search for a specific kind of player in the draft and, especially, in free agency. They always seem to find them: versatile, unselfish and eager to prove themselves.

"The system is a system that a player has to be selfless, have to be extremely competitive because of the very competitive environment, and it takes a lot of discipline," Pioli said. "When you talk about discipline, it's not about how long their hair is, or how much jewelry they wear. We have certain expectations of guys being in the right place at the right time and doing their job a certain way.

That's also where the versatility comes into play. So star receiver Troy Brown can become a nickel back. Linebackers Willie McGinest, Tedy Bruschi and Mike Vrabel can pop up anywhere on the field. Five receivers fit into the passing game, and Brady seems comfortable throwing to any of them.

When Belichick sought a running back to balance the offense, the Patriots traded for Corey Dillon, who was la-beled a malcontent in Cincinnati. It turned out Dillon's problem was dealing with all the losing the Bengals do. As a Patriot, he set a team rushing record and could be a key against the Eagles.

New England is facing the possibility of losing kicker Adam Vinatieri, receiver David Patten and guard Joe Andruzzi as free agents. Add to that list cornerback Ty Law, whose 2005 salary cap hit is a prohibitive \$12.5 million.



